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Chapter One

The Mysterious Two

UFO'S

- Why they are here •
- Who they have come for •
- When they will leave •
- Not a discussion of UFO sightings or phenomena •

Two individuals say they are about to leave the human level and literally (physically) enter the next evolutionary level in a spacecraft (UFO) within months! "The Two" will discuss how the transition from the human level to the next level is accomplished and when this may be done.

This is not a religious or philosophical organization recruiting membership. However, the information has already prompted many individuals to devote their total energy to the transitional process. If you have ever entertained the idea that there may be a real physical level beyond the Earth's confines, you will want to attend this meeting.

It was such a poster that brought three hundred people to the meeting in a Waldport, Oregon hotel on September 14, 1975. The people had come to attend a meeting conducted by a man and a woman who stated that they had come from a "higher level" to help people on Earth ascend to the superhuman level.

This meeting in Oregon resulted in the scare headlines that were soon running in every newspaper across the United States—"Twenty Missing in Oregon After Talking of a Higher Life." Datelined October 6, 1975, the news stories told how authorities in Newport, Oregon were investigating the disappearance of about twenty people who had believed the words of a mysterious man and a woman and had allegedly disappeared, possibly in a spaceship.

It was said that those who vanished had given away their property to friends and relatives and renounced their families after having attended the meeting at which the mysterious man and woman spoke of being able to ascend to a superhuman level.

State police trooper Melvin Gibson, who was investigating the case with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, said, "There are approximately twenty persons from this area who have gone away, and we don't know where."

Authorities said that they had received no missing-persons reports, but attributed this to the fact that those who had disappeared had informed their families and friends that they were going away with the UFO prophets.

Robert L. Thompson, a Eugene, Oregon computer programmer who attended the Waldport meeting out of curiosity but left because he didn't understand what the vague, Biblical discussion was all about, was quoted as saying, "I guess the implication was that you might leave in a UFO. They didn't say as much in so many words. Nobody asked how it would happen.

"I got the impression that in order to get to the level of which they spoke you probably had to give up everything. I guess existence there at the other level, whatever that is, . . . would be primarily spiritual."

Sheriff's detective Ron Sutton said that he had received reports about a man who sold his five-thousand-dollar fishing boat for five dollars and about a new van that someone had given away.

"One hippie is said to have given away his guitar," Sutton said. "To him that meant everything."

The manager of the Bay Shore Inn, where the Waldport meeting had been held, Mr. George Thompson, said that he had been paid fifty dollars for the use of the meeting room, but knew little about the man who had made the arrangements. Thompson commented that the guy hadn't looked like a Martian to him.

Authorities pieced together the basic message of the meeting and concluded that the people who'd attended had been told that sometime in the next ten years people from Earth who were interested in graduating to another level, or life, would have to sell their worldly goods and discard their personal relationships.

Those who attended the meeting were informed of a camp in Colorado that would prepare them for departure in a UFO. The Colorado site was not specified.

Posters, which had been displayed as far away as California, hinted that the meeting would be hosted by a man from outer space. Instead, those attending found just a man and woman—both in their forties, both well-groomed, and both, apparently, basically straight types. Authorities said that those who had attended the session reported that the speakers did not claim to be from outer space, but they did instruct the audience on how their souls could be saved through a UFO.

The most upsetting topic that the man and the woman discussed alluded to the fact that the two of them would be assassinated in a very short time, then reincarnated.

Others said that this was a misinterpretation, that the speakers said they had already *been* reincarnated. They would have to be assassinated so that they could rise from the dead in three and a half days and ascend to a UFO for transport to a higher level.

Sheriff's departments and other police officials admitted that they didn't know what kind of affair they might be dealing with. They didn't know whether the whole thing was a fraud or whether the people who had disappeared might have been killed. Rumors were flying. Some suggested there was human sacrifice, and that this was but another elaborate plot that had been sponsored by the Charles Manson family.

The mystery was spreading; news commentators were speculating; the man on the street was disturbed.

Could this be another indication of the bizarre turn of contemporary American society?

Could this be but another manifestation of the inner distress that so many men and women seem to be feeling because of pollution, distrust of their governmental structure, disillusionment with brush-fire warfare throughout the world, dismay at poor economic conditions?

Women tried to assassinate the president; unemployment was rising; crime in the cities was mounting. Was this now another display of desperation on the part of disturbed men and women?

Some people commented that the whole thing sounded like a science-fiction story—a man and woman allegedly from outer space luring troubled Earthlings to the desert, to the mountains, to the forest to meet with the UFO and to be transported to another world.

It seemed like the ultimate escapist's dream. Things are lousy on Earth—let's hope the Space Brothers come along and blast us off this rotting mudball!

The first clue toward locating the twenty missing people came in a postcard that said, "I am leaving this earth and will not see you anymore."

The contents of the postcard were read to the sheriff's office in Lincoln County by an unindentified woman who said that it had come from her son. The card had been mailed in Colorado. According to authorities, the missing son reportedly was one of the more than three hundred people who had attended the meeting September 14 in the Bay Shore Inn (which is a resort hotel; Waldport is a coastal community).

Additional information came in. It was revealed that the man and woman were leaders of a group called Human Individual Metamorphosis (HIM).

It was learned that they had scheduled a meeting in the San Francisco Bay area for October 8. The meeting had been cancelled because of "unfair media coverage" of the recent activities in Oregon.

By now the media coverage was getting a bit hairy. It spoke of a middle-aged couple with "hollow-looking eyes" whose offers of a trip to eternity on a UFO were definitely sinister one-way rides.

It was said that the couple claimed to be ageless.

It was said that "The Two," as they were now beginning to be called, had persuaded their followers that the way to attain the higher life they sought was through fasting. A concerned relative of one of the missing people said, "They might just all starve to death."

San Jose radio station KONE news director Victor Boc told the press that in mid-August he had interviewed an unidentified middle-aged man and woman who were holding recruiting meetings in Los Angeles, Spokane, Colorado, and other locations.

"They don't want their pictures taken," Boc said, "because they say they're going to be assassinated soon and will arise in three days—like Christ. When they do, they don't want to leave photographs."

Boc went on to say that a disciple of the group had told him that The Two were reluctant to leave a cult behind when they departed Earth. Boc said he had been informed that there were now about one hundred followers with The Two in Colorado, and that they were traveling in car caravans, generally camping out in park areas.

"The Two" was a title the unnamed couple had

given themselves. "They won't give actual names," Boc said, adding that the principal figure had called himself B. P. Morgenstern. This, Boc speculated, was simply an alias for a San Jose, California area disciple.

On October 10, a Portland, Oregon newspaper columnist, Doug Baker, relieved many minds when he released a story saying that the rumors about twenty missing citizens going off to another planet was "nothing more than a wild and wonderful hoax."

Baker, of the *Oregon Journal*, said that the alleged hoax had been perpetrated by a pair of college students who were preparing a paper on psychological reactions to panic in a small American community. Baker suggested that the police and the news media had been set up by the college students, who had confessed the scheme to a prominent Waldport citizen (who chose to remain anonymous).

However, state trooper Melvin Gibson said that the Oregon State Police hadn't written the matter off as a hoax. They were continuing their investigation.

On the same date, authorities in Colorado said that the twenty vanished Oregon residents had been in the state in September but had now moved on to Nebraska. The superintendent of Bonny Dam near Burlington, in eastern Colorado, Doug Green, told the press that the group had arrived there October 1, had done some shopping, and had left two days later. Green went on to say that he had talked with a man named Frank Lamb, who had identified himself as one of the leaders of the group and had told him that they "believed in the Kingdom of the Father."

Green said he'd kept an eye on the group all the time they were camped at the reservoir. He said they seemed to be well-behaved. "They knew they were going to be taken from the planet Earth and some form of extraterrestrial life was going to pick them up, but they didn't know when or where."

Robert Benton, monument supervisor at Colorado National Monument (west of Grand Junction near the Colorado-Utah border), said that the group had been "somewhat unfriendly" when they'd camped there. "They were sitting around talking about books, and one of them said not to be too hard on authors because they were only human, implying *they* were not," Benton said.

A West Allis, Wisconsin woman told authorities that she feared for the life of her nineteen-year-old chronically ill daughter, who, she believed, had become involved in the bizarre religious cult that promised life after death through bodily ascension into heaven by means of a UFO. The woman revealed a postcard postmarked September 23 from Longmont, Colorado; in it, her daughter said she was "on the path" and being well taken care of:

> Mama. Am doing beautifully. Truly feel I am on the path I've searched for. Thank God. Please don't worry. Have faith. I am completely taken care of while I am learning my Father's will always in all ways. P.S. Read Revelation Chapter 11 in the New Testament.

The woman went on to explain that her nineteen-year-old daughter suffered from serious recurrent intestinal problems. "I am really afraid for her life. I really am," the woman said.

By this time, the press had repeated frequently that the cult members might commit mass suicide in one of their secret camps. Mothers and fathers whose sons and daughters were anywhere in the area—especially if they had not written for a time—began to fear that their own children had joined a "way-out cult" intent upon suicide.

In a longer letter, which the Wisconsin woman had received before the postcard arrived, the daughter told of the teachings at the meetings conducted by The Two:

> The stress of the whole talk was the message given to us almost two thousand years ago by Jesus, and this is victory over death—ascension. Jesus and his aides are coming into close range of Earth to assist mankind, and we can go through the ascension only through their assistance.
>
> They [the couple] expressed something I have felt and believed in for quite a while, and that is that one needn't die or drop the body in order to ascend.
>
> And one must be prepared to leave everything behind.

The young woman concluded by saying that she would have to end all communication with her family—on orders of the couple.

"What good can come of all this?" the West Allis woman asked. "What kind of people are these who want to end our communication?"

The mystery continued to grow. A story datelined Mount Angel, Oregon told of a monk, who wished to remain anonymous, who claimed that he had been working in the garden of his isolated northern New Mexico monastery in July, 1974 when the mysterious couple had appeared.

"They must have had a car, but I didn't see it. They were too well-groomed to have tramped on the desert. They called me by name, and that stunned me. They said, 'We have a message for you. You are to meditate. Read Revelation 11 and meditate.' "

The monk explained that Revelation 11 refers to two witnesses who will prophesy. The monk said he believed the couple felt that they were those two witnesses.

The brother asked them where they had come from, and the couple replied,"From nowhere." He said they made no mention of outer space.

By Friday, October 10, ambitious journalists had gathered data on a number of those who were among the vanished twenty. It was now assumed that the group was headed for an unknown destination—perhaps in Colorado, perhaps in Nebraska, perhaps in New England, but undoubtedly toward a UFO hovering somewhere.

They told of a twenty-two-year-old man who had undergone a strange transformation following his meeting with The Two. He'd quit his job as a surveyor with an engineering firm and left town. When the young woman he lived with returned to

the apartment, she found only a letter. "I've seen the light, and I'm going to follow it. There's so little time left."

One of those left behind said that his twenty-six-year-old sister had suddenly given up her few, but cherished, possessions—her dog, her plants, and most of her clothing—and driven off with a friend in an old 1949 Mercury with thirteen dollars she had borrowed from him.

Then there was the case of the forty-three-year-old employee of a nursery, a man who had a steady job and lived alone in the home that he owned. He signed the deed to his house over to a woman friend and left in his 1966 Volvo with four other persons.

At the same time that the mysterious couple started to look like an enchanting pair of Pied Pipers from outer space, the press began to carry stories of disgruntled, disillusioned converts who were leaving the UFO cult. George Williamson, writing in the *San Francisco Chronicle* for October 13, 1975, quoted twenty-year-old Danny Coleman as saying, "Nobody was having sex, and everyone was talking about it."

Coleman, who had been with the group since the September meeting in Oregon, declared that it was "a sham." Coleman became the first member of HIM to bare his story candidly to the public.

"They [The Two], who never otherwise identify themselves, even to converts, really could be from outer space. I don't know," Coleman said. "Or they could be crazy. Or they could know exactly what they're doing. My head's really been spinning since I left. They scared us into a lot of things by emphasizing that if we 'understand' and decide to leave, we'll never be allowed another chance."

Coleman said that at the core of HIM theology was the assertion that converts must develop one-hundred-percent faith in The Two's capacity to die and then resurrect. After the promised event, those full believers would be rewarded with a UFO dispatched to carry them to a higher plane of existence.

Coleman went on to relate how this rather exciting, dramatic message had actually become a rather dull routine at the various HIM retreats in Oregon. He said the highlights of the day included cooking, eating, meeting, meditating, and forays into the outside world in search of more recruits for the group.

Coleman admitted that he would probably still be under the spell of The Two if a friend hadn't smuggled some marijuana into the camp. The HIM group forbids drugs and other nonspiritual outlets. He said that after two weeks of intensely studying HIM's philosophies, the grass suddenly calmed him into the realization that "this trip was not mine to follow." The young man hitchhiked back to the Bay area.

Coleman said that there were no indications (that he could identify) that the group leaders might resort to coercion to keep their disciples in the fold. He said that the HIM methods were very subtle. "You really don't notice until you leave how psyched into it you were."

But he refrained from labeling the techniques as "brainwashing." "If anything, I brainwashed myself by deciding to go in the first place."

Coleman said that contact with The Two themselves was completely restricted to twice-a-day camp meetings. For a time, he said, he thought The Two might be conducting an elaborate con game, but "they live in a tent like everyone else, and at times I thought they were saintly."

Coleman said he'd turned over forty dollars, all that he had, to the group when they reached Oregon. He guessed that others might have donated considerably more, although nobody talked about the possessions they'd brought with them. He said that at least two middle-aged women told him they had been quite wealthy. He knew of other converts who had contributed automobiles to the cause.

Disciples used these cars to travel across Oregon with leaflets advertising HIM recruiting sessions. Coleman said that he himself, with an assigned partner, had gone on such a mission—with absolutely no gas or food money. They were instructed to ask churches along the way for gas and subsistence funds.

With Coleman's story the *San Francisco Chronicle* ran a sidebar on two young men, Michael Carrier, twenty-six, and Michael Puffer, twenty-five, who attested to their firm belief that The Two were genuine. They stated that they themselves were going to follow them and leave everything behind. Carrier and Puffer said that they had reached "nearly final commitment" to the precepts of HIM.

They admitted that they had never attended a HIM recruiting session, had never read the group's literature. Neither had they ever seen The Two who headed the group, nor talked face to face with a convert.

When informed of Coleman's disillusionment, Carrier said, "I think he was with them, but I don't think his head is screwed on right for this."

Carrier added that the UFO seers had convinced him that the Bible's Book of Revelation, in true allegorical form, tells of extraterrestrial beings who are the Earth's "gardeners" and promised to return two thousand years ago. Carrier said that before hearing of HIM he had been doing quite well with women and material possessions, both of which he would be willing to forfeit. He added, "Those things are nothing compared to disasters—earthquakes, tidal waves, nuclear war—that you would experience if you didn't wish to go."

As if people didn't have enough to worry about in connection with the mysterious cult, stories in the press began to link them to the mysterious cattle mutilations that had been plaguing farmers for the previous several months.

A story datelined Fox Lake, Illinois, October 15, said the police had found two cattle slaughtered and mutilated at about the same time that the fifty-plus-member cult of UFO people had camped nearby.

Lake Villa police said the animals' remains were left on a farm about ten miles from there. One cow was found dead on October 1; the second was killed four days later.

On October 16, the *Chicago Sun-Times* carried an interview with two followers of the UFO cult who had assumed the names Vicki and Seymour Morgenstern. Paul McGrath of the *Sun-Times* said he'd searched Illinois for three days to find sect

members before he discovered this pair, whom he described as sincere and gentle people.

The man and woman described themselves as "lost sheep" because they had become separated from the main group. They had left separate homes in May in Los Angeles to join the movement.

Vicki admitted that she had left her mother and sister behind.

Seymour said that he had given up his job as an electronics engineer and that he had two children—a fourteen-year-old son by his wife and a five-year-old daughter by a woman he'd left in Los Angeles.

Seymour told McGrath, "In my childlike approach to my son, I spoke to him, knowing that if I made it—could pass all the tests and do the lessons and overcome this life—I would truly be his father on the next level."

Seymour went on to explain that the "next level" is where UFO people believe they will go after enduring the trial of this life. Vicki and Seymour said that they did not know exactly when this would be, but that it was likely to follow the violent deaths of their two leaders.

The leaders, who were now calling themselves "Bo" and "Peep," urged their followers to "renounce all earthly pleasures and material goods—money, sex, alcohol, and property are out."

Seymour and Vicki vehemently denied that UFO group members could have had anything to do with the ritualistic cattle killings that had now been reported in several states. "We look at a cow as part of a chain that we ourselves evolve from."

* * *

On October 18, authorities released to the press the results of their investigations. They had at last discovered who the UFO Pied Pipers were. Herff Applewhite, forty-four, and Bonnie Lu Trousdale Nettles, forty-eight, both of Houston, were identified as the couple known as The Two.

The release said that Applewhite had taught music from 1966 to 1971 at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Ms. Nettles was reported as having worked as a nurse in the Houston area.

Applewhite had been born in Spur, Texas, the son of a Presbyterian minister, and had received his undergraduate degree from Austin College in Sherman and his masters degree in music from the University of Colorado. He had been choir director for a number of churches before joining the St. Thomas faculty in 1966 as an assistant professor. When the university had later developed a music department, Applewhite had been named its first chairman.

Sam Ross, chairman of the St. Thomas math department, recalled Applewhite as "an extremely competent music teacher, who in one year had the choir performing like a professional glee club with five or ten years' experience."

In 1970, according to Ms. Sunshine Overkamp, director of the University of St. Thomas news service, Applewhite had been given a "terminal leave of absence." Ms. Overkamp said, "He was an extremely talented musician who had health problems of an emotional nature."

A former faculty member said that Applewhite had been fired because he wanted to emphasize the humanities rather than theology.

Ms. Overkamp said that after Applewhite had left St. Thomas, he'd gone to New York for a year to study music. He returned to Houston in 1971 as director of music for Studio 7, the school of the Houston Music Theatre. At that time, he had played lead roles with fourteen musical companies, sung eleven roles with the Houston Grand Opera, performed with five major symphonies, including Houston's, and conducted numerous choirs.

Little could be learned of Ms. Nettles ("Peep"). Apparently she was an astrology devotee who had graduated from the Hermann Hospital School of Professional Nursing in 1948. A hospital spokesman said that the school had no other information on her.

It was a matter of record, however, that in 1972 the two now known as Bo and Peep had formed the Christian Arts Center in Houston to promote art activities. At that time Applewhite ("Bo") had said the center would sponsor lectures in theosophy, comparative religion, mysticism, meditation, and astrology as well as courses in art and music. It was the aim of the center to work through the arts to make man more aware of his spiritual potential.

Authorities also released the information that The Two had been charged with auto theft and fraudulent use of credit cards. However, on September 25, 1974, Justice of the Peace Shelly Hancock had dismissed the charges against The Two on the recommendation of a sheriff's officer. Harlingen, Texas police said that Applewhite had told them his new name was Shril Pravanha and that Ms. Nettles had given her name as Shaki Devi.

The Two told Harlingen police that they had been sent to the Rio Grande Valley "by spiritual guidance." The Two were not married, they admitted, but they were living together. "We have renounced sex in preparation for our journey," Bo told them.

After the release of this information on who the couple had been prior to their lives as Bo and Peep, journalists began to dig in earnest for additional details. Bo's former wife, Ann, was located and interviewed.

Now the wife of a Corpus Christi school principal, the woman said that she and her two children by Bo had been hurt by the publicity generated by his sudden notoriety. She had had no idea that he had become involved with a strange religious cult. She went on to say that she was stunned by such news, because she said his life now must be radically different from the life they had shared.

Since Bo's father (now deceased) had been a Corpus Christi minister, religion had always been a significant part of his life. This had been a conventional kind of life prior to his revelation. His father, the Reverend Marshall Herff Applewhite, had founded no fewer than three Presbyterian churches in Corpus Christi, and everyone who knew Bo said he'd maintained close ties to the Presbyterian faith until about 1970.

Bo had graduated from Old Corpus Christi High School in 1948. Those who remembered him said that he'd always been musically inclined, that at Austin College he'd been a baritone soloist with an a cappella choir.

During 1952 and 1953 he had studied sacred music at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He had also served with the Army Signal Corps in Salzburg, Austria.

After returning from military duty in 1957, he had completed his Master of Music degree in voice performance at the University of Colorado. Later that same year, he had been appointed choir director at Presbyterian Pan-American School in Kingsville. (His tenure there had lasted only a few months because, as school officials recalled, he had longed to be a performer, not merely a teacher.)

Bo and Peep's notoriety had now extended across the United States to the *Newsweek* office in New York City. In their October 20, 1975 issue the weekly news publication devoted an entire page to "Bo-Peep's Flock."

> Seers of the unseen, prophets of doom, and oracles of the Second Coming are nothing new among the bizarre cult-pioneers of the American West, but last week it appeared that one sect of UFO freaks had carried their own brand of spaced-out theology and hip evangelism one step beyond the rest. Led by a look-alike, dressed-alike middle-aged couple calling themselves Bo and Peep or "the space fetuses," this latest band of zealots has been holding public meetings up and down the West coast since last spring. At one recent meeting in the seacoast town of Waldport, Oregon, they persuaded between fifteen and twenty people to leave possessions, homes, and even children behind and follow them

somewhere into the parapsychological wilderness.

Apparently more and more men and women were following Bo and Peep into the wilderness. In the October 23 issue of the *Denver Post,* Joanne Ditmer reported on the decision of a well-to-do Colorado man to leave his family and his business to join a mysterious band in search of delivery to another world by UFO.

This particular individual had left to join the traveling group on July 12, 1975, two months before it had begun to gain national headlines. A partner in a successful business with a highly respected standing in the community, he was the kind of person you would least expect to join a UFO movement—a fact commented upon by both his family and friends.

The man's former partner told the *Denver Post* that this person, the father of six, had never indicated any interest in either unidentified flying objects or religious cults. Nevertheless, he had been contacted by an unknown person on July 5 and had left home a week later. He had left his wife of over twenty years a letter explaining business matters, granting her power of attorney, and providing her with information regarding finances.

His wife told the Denver paper that her husband had left with no substantial amount of cash and had not cashed checks or used any of his credit cards since he'd left.

A fellow businessman commented further: "This is the last guy in the world you'd think would do a thing like this. He's an ideal businessman with no problems, and had perhaps the finest family in town—beautiful kids with the best manners you ever saw."

Active in local politics before his conversion to and membership in the UFO movement, this man had, according to certain reliable sources, assumed an important leadership role in the UFO group.

In the October 26 edition of the *Idaho Statesman,* Betty Penson wrote that two well-known Boise men had reported that they'd been personally contacted by The Two during the summer of 1974.

Max Pavesic, a Boise State University anthropology and archaeology professor, and Johnny Lister, a professional astrologer, said that they'd recognized the couple after their names had been published and their photos had appeared in news magazines. Pavesic said that the revelation had "blown him out." He told how these "very straight-looking folks" had walked into his office and asked him to drop everything and leave with them. "They were very sincere and intense, but they had weird eyes."

Lister and Pavesic, who had not previously known each other, met at a party in late September and discussed their experiences. The Two had approached both of them on the same day—June 5, 1974. Both men said that their visitors had claimed a public event in the near future that would prove their crusade to be a "legitimate thing."

"They said it would be when they were crucified. They said it would be a public kind of thing and would be splashed over all the newspapers in the country. They said only certain people were being offered this chance to be saved, but they indicated it was *not* a matter of getting away from Boise before Boise went down the drain."

Lister said that Betsy Park, who had been his assistant at the time, had come in about two-thirds of the way through their conversation. "She was quite perturbed. I had the feeling she didn't think they were as real as I did. She suggested we call her husband, who was attorney general at that time."

"Why did they pick me out of a hundred thousand people?" Pavesic said he asked himself. "When somebody suggested it was programmed that way, that blew me out, too."

Pavesic said, "They looked like they had come right off the golf course. They wore cardigans, that sort of thing, real little green-alligator type folks. They had pasty white skin, and they both had weird eyes, but obviously they weren't biologically related—not brother and sister, I mean. The eyes—they didn't look like they had any bottom. They didn't look like they were hypnotized or like people loaded with drugs either. If it was a disguise, it was fantastic!

"They thought because of my association with archaeology and anthropology I'd be open to understanding the idea of attaining to the highest level of evolution, a metaphysical state where the mind is evolved out of the body into infinity."

Lister described it as a "wild experience."

"I feel relieved knowing who they are and having the mystery cleared up. I've heard a number of psychics say, as they did, that there would be a time when the world would be saved by UFOs, a time of great strife, cataclysmic events, etc.

"There's a fine psychic from Sun Valley, a low-profile kind of young woman named Charlene Basile, who was in my office recently and was asked about the mutilations.

"She said it's people from UFOs who are doing the mutilations and that they're being done to help us. They're taking specimens of the food we eat in order to find out more about us. And it is not an evil thing, she is certain, not Satanic.

"She said they asked the animals to die, and the animals agreed to die, are willing to die, so those people don't kill the animals; the animals are dead when they start operating on them.

"She said they have a means of picking up the radiation that comes from the UFOs and reabsorbing it, of somehow transforming that radiation back into power for their ship so there is no radiation left."

While many people did indeed feel compassion for those mutilated cattle, Lynn Simross, staff writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, emphasized in her story ("Invitation to an Unearthly Kingdom," October 31, 1975) what most people were thinking of and were concerned about: the effect of Bo and Peep on their followers, on the people who had left family and friends to go into the wilderness seeking their vision, seeking their transformation to a higher kingdom above the Earth level.

Ms. Simross quoted a man whose wife had left a farewell note on April 10, taken a thousand dollars and her diamond ring (valued at thirteen hundred dollars), and gone off to Gold Beach, Oregon to become a disciple of HIM.

"If a boxer or a karate expert goes out on a street and hits someone with his hand he goes to jail for assault with a deadly weapon. These people—this Bo and Peep—are going out on the streets and practicing mind control. That is assault of the mind, and they don't go to jail. What's the difference?"

According to Ms. Simross, the man—a heavy-equipment operator in his late thirties—repeated the above several times during the course of an evening. His wife also left their two children—a girl, eight, and a boy, six.

"I told the kids Mommy is sick up here," the man told Ms. Simross, pointing an index finger at the side of his head. "I told them we just have to go on and start a new life for ourselves. I don't see any sense in lying to them."

Ms. Simross also quoted a Houston housewife as saying, "I would do anything in my power to keep anyone else from going through what I have. It is obvious these people are on an ego trip. They have set themselves out to be something important. There is the danger of suicide for the followers. They are suicidal anyway, having already killed off their lives as they have known them. When I was involved with them I thought about suicide many times myself."

Joan Culpepper said that she had been with Bo and Peep from April 21 through June 30, 1975. Mrs. Culpepper told reporter Simross that she felt rather uncomfortable about speaking to her, but she had decided. "I have to blow the whistle on these two. I'm not saying I don't believe in people from outer space, but these two are spacy. They have to be stopped."

A practicing psychic, Mrs. Culpepper claimed

that she had too strong a mind to suit Bo and Peep, so she'd been abandoned by them in Flagstaff, Arizona in June. It is her contention that she only went with them in the first place to see what they were up to. She claimed to have had bad feelings about them from the start. She felt that everything about them was negative, that they taught change by negative experience. "That's why you have to get rid of everything, including your name. I was named Marty because they said I was Martha in Jesus' time."

Mrs. Culpepper emphasized that in her opinion Bo and Peep were dangerous. They were not just run-of-the-mill con artists. "They have tremendous mental power. It is not hypnosis. It is thought transplant. They can do it in a matter of minutes."

The *Idaho Statesman* for November 2, 1975 carried an interview with Mrs. F. E. Walker, who claimed to have grown up as a girl with Peep. Mrs. Walker remembered Peep as a quiet youngster in the neighborhood junior high in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Walker said that it had come as a shock to her to read that Bonnie Lu Trousdale Nettles was the woman member of the UFO couple.

"I hadn't known Bonnie's married name. When I was in Houston in August I asked about her, and a friend said she had left her family and nobody knew where she was. But I did hear she'd teamed up with a man who was going around the country preaching. It was weird and crazy, something about Moses and Elijah, that they were supposed to be representatives of them.

"I knew Bonnie first in junior high when we started a gang together in the neighborhood. I really didn't pair off with her because she was a little younger, about three years [younger]. Her older brother Bill was my first date as a teen-ager. Bonnie was always easy to get along with.

"In church in Houston—that's where I saw her most often. I really think she and her sister Evelyn went to church there just because the gang did.

"No, we didn't go to dances; our family didn't dance. We were very religious. We went roller skating and to shows."

Mrs. Walker said she remembered Bonnie Lu as a small, nice-looking, and very neat "normal teenager, no problems."

In the December, 1975 issue of *Skylook*, the official publication of the Mutual UFO Network, the Reverend Dr. Barry Downing (a Presbyterian minister and the author of *The Bible and Flying Saucers*) listed his reasons for feeling that both the press and the public were paying too much attention to the movements and activities of two UFO cultists. As many people were aware, he said, those who claimed special information from the alleged occupants of UFOs had been forming cults and doing their own unique kind of missionary work since the late 1940s and the early 1950s. Dr. Downing wrote that he felt there were five major elements that, taken together, had produced the UFO cult headed by The Two:

1. The general emotional strain of living in the 1970s.
2. Christian teaching.
3. The space-age mentality and UFOs in particular.

4. The influence of Eastern religions, including movements like transcendental meditation.
5. Spiritualism.

Dr. Downing went on to explain that the emotional strain of living through this decade was evident to all. Such things as Watergate, the financial disasters of major American cities, and conflict in the Mideast and elsewhere had given many people a feeling of impending doom.

Dr. Downing said that it was clear from some of the teaching of the UFO cult group that certain of the Christian conditions were maintained, especially three elements:

> The group believes in the second coming of Christ, which they have tied in with the UFO concept—UFOs providing the vehicle for Christ's second coming and return to heaven. . . .
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> The second link between the UFO cult and Christianity is its obvious emphasis on faith. . . .
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> The third emphasis of the group is on perfection. This is not new to American Protestant Christianity. In the 1920s, communities and groups such as Zoar, Oneida, Amana, Shakers, and Transcendentalists developed, many aiming at "perfection."

Dr. Downing said, however, that from his personal religious point of view he had to reject the teachings of the cult, because they emphasized the idea that believers had to be perfect in order to be transformed and taken on board the UFO on the appointed day.

"The emphasis of the group is really selfish—self-perfection," Dr. Downing said. "Jesus did not teach self-perfection as an end in itself. Rather, he taught that love of God and love of neighbor is the way to self-perfection. The emphasis of Christianity is on love, not on self-perfection; thus the Apostle Paul in his famous hymn on love said, 'If I give away all I have and if I deliver my body to be burned but have not love, I gain nothing' (First Corinthians 13:3)."

Dr. Downing expressed his dismay over seeing nothing in published reports to indicate that the UFO cult had a call to go out and serve the world. In fact, he mused, the group was mainly withdrawing from the world to try to "save its own neck, as it were, and too bad about everyone else."

Dr. Downing also said it was obvious that the cult had drawn upon the UFO image as part of its plan of salvation because the mysterious UFOs provide a link with the universe, "something Christianity has lost in the past century."

He commented, "Even though Jesus said he came from heaven—from the outer universe—the age of science found this hard to believe. If UFOs are there, we can again believe—in the name of truth and science—that heavenly beings are looking out for us."

Dr. Downing noted that a further element in the cult was the influence of Eastern religions, as seen in the emphasis on reincarnation and on meditation. "It is taught that if people do not get on board this 'second coming' of Christ, they'll have to be reincarnated for another two thousand years before they get another chance to get out of this world. They teach that it's two thousand years between heavenly UFO trips."

The final element in the teaching of the cult, said Dr. Downing, was spiritualism. He noted that Bo had once claimed that he was in contact with spirits, in particular with a Brother Francis, a monk who allegedly died in Greece in 1818.

"They teach that every person who joins their cult has a guardian angel or spirit who will guide them to perfection in their meditation."

Dr. Downing said that most people familiar with UFO literature, metaphysics, parapsychology, or the occult would be quite familiar with most of the teachings offered by the cult of The Two. What was not familiar, Dr. Downing suggested, was their particular synthesis.

"It's like being offered a glass of a soft drink that is orange, Coke, and root beer combined. If we didn't know what was in the glass it would probably taste very strange. Once we know the contents, the taste is not surprising. Still, it's not a drink most of us are likely to come to love.

"Neither is [the cult of The Two] likely to become a favorite religious movement in the United States."

Chapter Two

UFO Cult

Negative publicity about The Two continued to mount as an Associated Press story datelined Oakland, California, November 3, carried the story of Dr. C. S. Leonard, who told of his loneliness after being abandoned by his wife of thirty-four years.

Dr. Leonard said that his wife's sudden departure from their Vail, Colorado home last August had left him in shock for over a month. He had been reunited with his wife, Jackie, at a recruiting rally the UFO cult held in Oakland, but he was only able to talk with her for about half an hour. "I told her the door is always open to her. My strongest hope is that the group will dissolve before long, and she'll return home, perhaps stronger internally for this experience."

Dr. Leonard, who said that his marriage had been "probably one of the great ones," resisted the opportunity to coax his wife home. "It's really been terribly lonely since she left. Those four walls close in on you. We worried for her safety and well-being. I cried and was mad at myself.

"She's reached these high levels of transcendence through dedicated efforts—without any

signs of insanity, of course. She'll go through hardships for her own elevation.

"I lived with Jackie for thirty-four years, and she's still the most beautiful woman I've known." Then, with obvious sorrow, he added, "There's always that chance I won't see her again.

On November 5, two disciples of the UFO cult known as Joy and Jacob spoke at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. They told their audience, "This isn't a movement or a cult, just some people who chose to follow The Two. They did nothing to convince or persuade us, just as we will do nothing to persuade anyone here. Each person must be prepared to accept their teaching, recognizing the truth of what they say as a personal opening in awareness."

Jacob said that the evolution of which The Two spoke is "a total metamorphosis, including all senses and abilities. I'm not saying it isn't a spiritual thing, but it's not *just* something you do with your head. We're going to leave physically, depart from this planet."

Joy added that their destination was not another planet, but a "physical realm in space beyond the Earth's atmosphere."

In speaking of The Two, Jacob and Joy said, "Their spirit or life force comes from the next level. They had physical bodies in that level, but they chose to take Earth bodies.

"Messengers such as The Two are sent to Earth at the end of each age. Jesus Christ was the last such messenger. We know they are bringing the same information as he who came as Jesus. In the two thousand years since he left, Jesus' message has been distorted. The Two are here to clarify that message."

Kathy Richardson's coverage of the lecture appearance for the Drake *Times Delphic* included a quote from Herbert Strence, Dean of the School of Journalism, whose dissertation was a survey of press coverage of UFOs: "One of the interesting things about past UFO history is that the beliefs of these people are not changed by the failure of the prophesied events to occur. Explanations are given—more time is needed or the divine authority that is guiding the group changed his plans. It's more a religious than a UFO phenomenon; and it's an interesting sociological phenomenon."

By late November, Joan Culpepper had organized an anti-HIM group that she called HER (Hinder Evolutionary Ripoffs). According to Mrs. Culpepper, at least ten of the original twenty-four disciples of The Two had by this time rejected the teachings, and four had become actively engaged in sabotaging the movement. "HIM offers a pretty spaced-out trip in people's heads, and when they do come back, we want them to know we've got something going for them.

"First of all, we want to let the people know the trip has changed. According to the philosophy as it was presented in Salt Lake City, Bo and Peep are no longer planning on assassination and resurrection. There are about fifty people out there spreading the word who don't even know about this change. If they're waiting for Bo and Peep to die, they'll be out there for a hundred and fifty years waiting, because they're not going unless it's kicking and screaming. They're very paranoid all of a sudden."

Although Joan Culpepper's name appeared steadily in numerous feature stories slanted toward "exposing" the sinister and nefarious activities of mind-controlling, brain-bubbling, child-snatching UFO cultists, she didn't seem at all the angry detractor with a vengeance when Hayden Hewes conducted a telephone interview with her on January 15, 1976.

Hewes began by stating that we wished to hear her comments directly from the source, rather than from news accounts.

"That would be refreshing," Mrs. Culpepper acknowledged with friendly laughter.

Hewes explained that we were working on a long-range project that would analyze the work of such UFO contactees as Bo and Peep. He said that we didn't plan a hatchet job, but neither could we wholeheartedly endorse all aspects of their mission.

"The controversy seems not to lie in the truth they are relating, but in whether or not they are who they say they are," he suggested.

"But that shouldn't matter!" Mrs. Culpepper protested. "It's the truth that matters. Do you know what I mean?

"Everyone goes through processes of change. I've changed a lot since I first met The Two, and I feel *they've* changed a lot. If you get hung up in one place, then you aren't going anywhere.

"In the beginning I felt very negative, because I was a practicing psychic myself. But over a period of time, I've seen the good that has come from many of the people who have undertaken this process. To me it's an ever-expanding thing, and I believe The Two are expanding and changing also.

"I feel that the message they related in Salt Lake City was indicative of many things that I had been feeling. I spoke to a newspaper reporter to tell him of the change in their work, but my words got fouled up in print. But that's okay—the message got out!"

"What are your feelings about The Two at the present time?" Hewes asked.

"I wish I could talk to them. I really wish the three of us could sit down and just talk. I feel that a lot of garbage has gone down the drain on both sides. I would like to talk to them about the changes, because they have been so beautiful.

"I think this is a very positive thing right now. I think that The Two are going to be involved in something very big. It may or may not be what they think it is at this point in time.

"But if they're interested in getting their message out, please tell them that I know several people who would treat it very objectively. I'm not interested in writing a negative book about them or in doing negative things against them. This is why people should sit down and talk!"

In the November 26 edition of the *Houston Chronicle*, two women disciples of The Two stepped forward and agreed to give their real names and to present testimony on behalf of The Two in order to counteract some of the adverse publicity that had been directed at the UFO cultists.

Both in their early thirties, both from California, the two women had had responsible jobs and good salaries before they'd joined the UFO movement.

They said that they desired to counter critics who had labeled them as being on a death trip and as being "mesmerized followers of a cult that practiced mind control and brainwashing."

One woman, who uses the name Fanta in the cult, said, "They talk of death. That's a sensational opener, but it's not true. This thing's a life trip. We are not a cult or group. We are individuals who share a common goal, but we each achieve that goal in very individual ways.

"The Two never asked anybody to follow them. They express a truth. That truth is what we follow. The Two have suggested that their disciples give up their worldly possessions and drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and sex."

Fanta said that help from the higher kingdom doesn't come as voices from the sky. "It comes through us as thought. After we ask for help we listen with all our selves for an answer. We try to stand in tune with the members of the next world."

Fanta explained that The Two and their disciples do not use their real names, nor do they talk about their past, because they must leave behind their human existences.

"The Two contend that death is not necessary. Instead, they say humans who are willing to give up their human characteristics will have their bodies changed and will be taken to a higher kingdom, the Kingdom of God, on a cloud of light. That cloud of light is what humans know as UFOs.

"Jesus left earth in a UFO and is in charge of the project and will greet all who transform."

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In spite of the report of this press conference in the *Houston Chronicle,* feelings that the cult and the teaching of The Two were taking a sinister turn reached a kind of peak in Victoria Hodgett's "UFO Cult Mystery Turns Evil," which appeared in *The Village Voice* on December 1. Ms. Hodgett told of her friend Peggy, who had joined HIM. She repeated certain of the charges presented by Mrs. Culpepper, referred to the article that had been done by Lynn Simross for the *Los Angeles Times,* and then quoted a letter that Peggy had sent to her parents sometime the previous July.

> Dear Mom and Dad: All is well. I am fine. What I'm actually up to is continuing my evolution in order to leave the human kingdom and enter the next evolutionary kingdom—which has been called the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, or the Kingdom of Man. This is done by converting the body into another body capable of leaving Earth's atmosphere. It is what the one known as Jesus demonstrated in order to prepare souls far evolved at that time to be able to do. . . .
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> You may be interested in doing this yourselves, either now or at the end of the next age (two thousand years). The only thing necessary to do it is simply to believe it possible and natural, want to do it, and get in touch with your Heavenly Father—i.e., one who is already a member of that next kingdom and who will guide you through . . . the process.

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Then Ms. Hodgett quoted a letter that Peggy's mother had sent to her that beseeched her to let them know if Peggy should ever contact her. "I am sure she knows how deeply I love and admire her. I've always felt she was the most truly good person I've ever known, regardless of what she does, and that she can do more good on Earth than some other place."

Ms. Hodgett concluded her article by stating her frustration at being unable to make sense of people who ran off to join UFO cults.

"If Peggy is off communing with angels, then being on the side of the angels is a cruel stance. I think of the lives of people I know and love. We tell ourselves we are seekers, that this gives honor to our lives. We say we must know ourselves. Right? That is the honorable way, true to our path, all that stuff. But some of us are mothers, too. Finally it must be the mother in me that prevails. I hope Peggy comes back home."

Chapter Three

One Woman's Story

We talked with a twenty-three-year-old Oklahoma City housewife, the mother of a child of four, who had been ready to go on the trip with The Two and then changed her mind. In speaking with her, we learned that she had found that The Two said things that touched her deeply and sincerely motivated her to accompany them. But she had found herself unable to make the final commitment—she had been unable to sever all attachments with her loved ones and with responsibilities that she felt keenly. Here is her story simply, honestly, movingly expressed.

"I believe everyone at one time or another in his life becomes extremely anxious and finds that he has a very, very deep desire inside of him to return to a place that is unknown and incomprehensible to him. Many call it heaven, but there are some who call it 'home.' I feel a closeness to these people.

"For some people the thought of leaving Earth, the thought of dying, is a very hard thing to cope with. However, there are people, some of whom I know personally, who don't think of that as a horrible thing, but rather as a continuation, a going

home, if you will. The people who have this desire study very, very hard. At first they may go into the religious aspect of it through the churches, delving into their Bibles, trying to find out all they can about God, about heaven, about the angels. But eventually, if their desire is strong enough to leave Earth and go home to the Father, they generally are led into metaphysics.

"Don't get me wrong. When you have this desire you don't want to die in the sense of ending your life, but your main ambition, instead of becoming a lawyer or the president or a great architect, is to go home.

"It's very hard for a child to understand why he or she feels different. I know; I went through that. There were times when I just bawled because I felt so different. But Mom always said that 'different' was important, because the world was not made of carbon copies; it was made of strange and different people. So she encouraged some of my inquisitiveness, to a point—until I started asking questions about God and heaven, which seemed to be discouraged quite heavily.

"When you study for something and you want something—not to die but just to go home to that land of your Father where you feel your roots are —and then someone comes and says, 'Looky here, I have a way for you! I know a way that you can go home and get out of this strange world and go be with the people that you're like and talk with your Father or with your Father's people; I know of a place where you can do these things that you want to do that seem so silly in this world,' then naturally you're going to grab at it.

"It takes a lot of consideration, though, when you're thinking of leaving the Earth and you're thinking of going home to your Father. You have to consider all the people you're leaving behind. It's not like you got sick and you died. You say, 'Okay, Father, I'm willing. Now show me the passport. How do I do it?'

"And a person tells you you must give up humanness. Well, that's not so hard to do. I mean, smoking is just a habit. You don't have to give up any particular food, so that's fine.

"They say you must leave behind everything. Well, a house is nice and comfortable. If you're going to stay in this world, you might as well be comfortable.

"Then your children—you must leave your children behind. You don't have to. It's not a necessity to give them up and send them out for adoption, but it'd be rather hard for a little child of four or five to comprehend some of the things that you're going to have to do. And if they aren't ready when you're ready and you leave, then where will they be without anyone to take care of them?

"The trip that I was offered was *not* a way to shirk bills or responsibility, because you weren't to leave any ties untied, no deeds undone. You were to take care of every kind of business. This would be easy to do, especially if this was something you had worked for and studied for and wanted.

"Maturity is important, because the trip that's been offered is a hard one. You have to survive on your wits, more or less; and it's cold and it's hard to understand. And if you can't rid yourself of attachments, then you can't truly make it.

"I guess that's the main reason why I was turned down. I hope that's why. I honestly believe that's

why. I hadn't prepared myself enough. However, I believe I will have another chance someday. You see, The Two aren't trying to take everybody.

"It would be hard for me to give up completely all thought of my children and my husband and focus it [my thought] completely on the Father. It's true, it *is* focused there all the time (except in the bad moments, which we all have), but to leave my child and my husband behind would be so hard for me to do. Also, I have a tendency to want to be told that I can or cannot do something. That doesn't mean I'm going to *do* what I'm told I can or cannot do. It just means that I would like to have reassurance.

"I heard The Two talk several times. The Two realized that I was honest and sincere in wanting to go, but instead of saying, 'Come on, Jean, let's go,'" they came to me and said, 'No, Jeannie, you have to stay here, because now is not your time. We say you should wait.'

"I feel that they themselves will not ever during *this* time call me or come to me and say, 'Yes, now is your time to go. We feel you are ready now.'

"However, I do know that when my time comes my Father will tell me. A person who is studying, who does want to go—if it's honest, deep, and sincere, and he is mature enough emotionally, mentally, and even, in a way, psychically—will go, unless he's come to the realization that this is not his time. The people whose time it is to go, will go.

"My desire to go has not changed; I still want to go 'home.' However, this trip is not as important. This is just one way. I realize that I have something important to do—what, where, when, how, I don't know.

"The main point I want to make right here and now is that some people who listen to The Two will say they're trying to make everyone go. They're not. They don't want to take *anyone* with them in that sense. They're not recruiting in the sense of 'everyone should go.' In fact, to most of the people, they say, 'This is a hard trip. You should think many times before you do go, because it is very difficult to handle. For many people it would be impossible.'

"They're not trying to take wives from husbands, mothers from children. They're only offering the trip for those who feel compelled to go, deeply, honestly, inside of them.

"Maybe I can proceed and help the ones who don't take the trip, who don't understand it. Maybe that's why I'm not supposed to go. However, I do feel like the little person who was the last in line and didn't get the sucker or the ice-cream cone 'cause they ran out too quick. But I know there will always be another time. And that time I'm going to be standing in line!"

Chapter Four

Brad Steiger on Flying-Saucer Prophets

On Tuesday, October 7, 1975, when the story broke in *The New York Times*, I had just checked into a Manhattan hotel. I was in the midst of my fall lecture tour. I soon found myself being asked on radio shows and during lecture appearances about who or what had taken those missing twenty people. What mysterious force, what bizarre UFO prophets had arrived on the scene to transport people away? Many people were asking because they seemed quite eager to make connections so that they might be transported to some other world via UFO.

My initial reaction was that this must be some kind of unfortunate misunderstanding concerning men and women who had decided to renounce their humanness to be guided along a spiritual path by a UFO contactee. (UFO contactees are men and women who claim to have contact with entities or intelligences that pilot UFOs.) But as newspaper stories continued to break throughout the month of October, I was reminded that in the spring of 1975 I had received a series of three letters that had been sent to me by HIM—Human Individual Metamorphosis. Here are selected excerpts from these letters:

> What religions have sought to understand since the beginning of their origin is what is above the human level of existence. Most have taught that if an individual lives a "good life" adoring some savior, he will inherit some "heaven" after his death. If only it were that simple. . . .

> Approximately two thousand years ago an individual of the next kingdom forfeited his body and entered a human female's womb, thereby incarnating as the one history refers to as Jesus of Nazareth. He awakened to this fact gradually, through the same metamorphic process, and came to know that he had incarnated for the express purpose of telling and showing, even to the point of proof, that the next kingdom can be entered by overcoming the human aspects and literally converting into a "man" or creature of that next kingdom—the kingdom of his Father—one who is already a member of that kingdom. By His resurrection He proved that death can be literally overcome and that a permanent body for the next kingdom is acquired from the human kingdom. He did not leave His body in the grave. He converted it *into* His body of that next kingdom. This is the only way the next kingdom is entered permanently. Each human has that full potential.
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> Jesus' "Christing" or christening was completed at His transfiguration (metamorphic completion) and He remained in the "larva" environment, with other humans, only for some forty days—to show that His teaching had been accomplished. He showed them His new body and demonstrated a few of its new attributes, e.g., appearing and disappearing (changing His vibrations) before their eyes while letting some of His friends touch His "new" body. This could be compared to a butterfly remaining in the caterpillar world for a few days to show them what they had to look forward to if they chose to seek *true* conscious communication with a butterfly and were willing to overcome all of their caterpillar ways. Then Jesus left them in a cloud of light (what humans refer to as UFOs), and he now moves and returns in the same manner.
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> There are two individuals here now who have also come from that next kingdom, incarnate as humans, awakened, and will soon demonstrate the same proof of overcoming death. They are "sent" from that kingdom by the "Father" to bear the same truth that was Jesus'. This is like a repeat performance, except this time by two (a man and a woman), to restate the truth Jesus bore, restore its accurate meaning, and again show that any individual who seeks that kingdom will find it through the same process. This "restatement" or demonstration will happen within months. The two who are the "actors" in this "theater" are in the meantime doing all they can to relate this truth as accurately as possible so that when their bodies recover from

their "dead" state (resurrection) and they leave (UFOs), those left behind will have clearly understood the formula. . . .

If an individual truly (to the best of his station and ability) seeks the kingdom above human, he mentally sends out what might be compared to radio impulses, which are "picked up" by members of that next kingdom, referred to by humans as the kingdom of "God." One of those members, who was once a human (or equivalent), observes the sincerity of that "seeker" and begins to test him by carefully removing the "pilings" of his human foundation. If the human is a good "prospect" he "lets go" of those fragments of his human foundation—sometimes slowly, one at a time, sometimes swiftly, many at a time. This process is directed invisibly (though occasionally glimpses of that next kingdom's world are made evident) by the human's "Heavenly Father," who takes him through his total metamorphosis—*becoming* a member of that next kingdom, not to know death or incarnation again.

It helps a human's understanding to realize that the kingdom of "God" is a many-membered kingdom as in the kingdom of "human," though few human individuals have the strength of will and direction of will to endure the metamorphic process. *Now*, at the close of this age, we are at the same equivalent time space that the civilized community was two thousand years ago when Jesus taught and illustrated this process. It is

graduation time for all levels of life forms. The doors of the next kingdom are open. . . .

Each true seeker of the next kingdom must literally walk out the door of his life, leaving behind his career, security, loved ones, and every single attachment in order to go through the remaining experiences needed to totally wean him from his needs at the human level. Until this frightening experience is underway, a human cannot begin to comprehend the reality of these "higher" and simpler experiences necessary for his total metamorphosis into a new being.

Leaving one's life behind means that an individual carries only one thing in mind—seeking the kingdom of God. Such a person will walk out the door of his or her apartment or house with only the lightest baggage, consisting of a few clothes, possibly some light camping gear, and maybe some means of transportation, and "strain" to establish a clear line of communication with his or her heavenly Father, who is a member of that next kingdom but who was also at one time a human. This heavenly Father is the one who chooses to assist this seeker through his or her metamorphosis. . . .

Each individual who can endure to the end of his lessons will come into his indestructible body just as the caterpillar comes into the body of a butterfly. He does not have to demonstrate that fact in a death-and-resurrection scene as two are here to do. But should "rejection" result in his murder after

> his conversion is carefully completed, he would certainly resurrect in the simple, real-sense—i.e., he would step aside (or exist in the invisible state) while his body healed itself, and then he would reenter it and take up his place in the membership of the next kingdom. . . .
>
> If you are ready for *your* "final exam," leaving your "nest" and trying your "wings," the "two" here to demonstrate can help prepare you for that "exam." *Find them!* Take that step *now.* You are probably one of those who is incarnate at this time for that express purpose. Don't miss your chance. Don't waste a moment.
>
> Let's work toward *your* Easter now! . . .

Over the last eight years I have made an extensive study of the UFO contactee. The material that came from HIM was in many ways typical of contactee literature, but there was an added assertion that offered a new, rather dramatic wrinkle. The leaders of HIM (The Two) were suggesting that *they* were the two witnesses referred to in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 11:3-13. I quote from the King James version of the Bible.

> And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and two candlesticks standing before the God of the Earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire

> proceedeth out of their mouth and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have the power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. . . . And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. In the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted and gave glory to the God of heaven.

That The Two were combining Judeo-Christian religious-philosophical ideas and were leaning heavily on the words of Jesus are certainly familiar aspects of a great deal of contactee literature; but the message of the UFO missionary is usually more universal in its application. It is not restricted to denominations or any type of denominational boundary or barrier, but in a way, in itself, becomes a new denomination.

As my friend Dr. J. Gordon Melton of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Evanston, Illinois has said, "The UFO contactees are not frauds; as a group they are very sincere believers." Dr. Melton says that they should not be understood as psychotic or psychologically disturbed, but rather as ordinary people with extraordinary metaphysics.

"Rather than being a fringe phenomenon, they're best understood as an emerging new religious movement with an impetus and life of its own. They have a distinct history which predates 1947, and they have adopted the structure and style of their parent—the American psychic community. As a psychic religion they have chosen to 'hitchhike' on the UFO studies, just as the psychics hitchhike on parapsychology."

As early as the 1880s Helen Blavatsky claimed contact with a group of advanced beings whom she called The Masters; they were allegedly part of a governing hierarchy between man and the solar rulers of the universe.

For Blavatsky and for the great majority of contactees, Venus plays an important role in the hierarchy. It is said that from Venus, six and a half million years ago, the mighty beings who would later become Earth's adepts came. Venus is said to be the original home of the Lord of This World, the Head of the Hierarchy of Masters, and the Three Lords of the Flame.

Theodore Flournoy in 1900 published his book of the life and work of Helene Smith, a spiritualist

medium who since 1894 had claimed to be in communication with Martians. Helene Smith followed the teachings of the well-known spiritualist Allan Kardec, who believed that Earth spirits reincarnated in other worlds, and, conversely, that spirits from other worlds reincarnated on Earth.

Helene Smith described a "going-up sensation" and acted in trance as if she were traveling to Mars. For Helene Smith and for most contactees, it is regrettable that Mars turns out to be so very much like the planet Earth. Martians, or Venutians, as the case may be, may have different complexions and Biblical hairstyles, but they are always very human in appearance. The technology of Mars or Venus or wherever the contactee claims his source originates is very Earth-like, even though it may claim to be in advance of Earth's.

The modern flying-saucer movement is built on the alleged experiences of certain contactees with charismatic personalities. George Adamski and George Van Tassel were the first contactees to gather large followings and publish literature that today still stands as scripture to their followers. Adamski's books (published in 1953, 1955, and 1961) form the Old Testament for the flying-saucer movement. George Van Tassel organized "the world's first interplanetary spacecraft convention" in 1954 at his desert home in Giant Rock, California, thereby establishing the shrine for the annual pilgrimage of thousands of contactees and UFO cultists.

After 1952 several individuals began to claim contact with advanced beings who piloted spaceships. The most important were George Hunt Williamson, George King, Truman Bethurum, Daniel Fry, Cedric Allingham, Orfeo Angelucci, Franklin Thomas, Carl Anderson, Buck Nelson, John McCoy, Howard Menger, and Gloria Lee. (There were many others claiming contact, but these were the leaders whose experiences became scripture.)

In the standard UFO report we have average men and women undergoing a sudden, unexpected encounter with an unknown object or an unindentified kind of phenomenon. When we read and receive their reports we find frightened people, confused people, people who have suffered some kind of physiological effect such as conjunctivitis or some stigmata-like swelling or marking on the body.

In the flying-saucer movement, quite to the contrary, we find peaceful, assured, confident men and women who have definitely—and laboriously, in some cases—gone in search of something above their mundane lives in a confused and frightened world. These people find what they are looking for in the Space Brothers. Once they have an encounter, a confrontation, with benevolent beings from other worlds, they feel that their quest has ended and that they have now become messengers of the good news. They are seized with a missionary spirit and, as the early disciples were bade, they go quickly and tell.

The Space Brothers encountered by those in the flying-saucer movement are apparently quite humanoid but are possessed of superhuman characteristics. The female entities are always extremely beautiful; the males display angelic, feminine qualities.

The single characteristic of the Space Brothers

most often reported is *wisdom*. They are wise far beyond anyone on Earth. Their technical knowledge is manifest in their abilities to travel through space, but beyond their science they are wise in their understanding of the nature of the world, of the basic, the essential laws of life. They have come, in part, to teach these universal laws as an answer to our human problems on a troubled planet Earth.

At this point we can only speculate about how long people have been seeing "Space Brothers," and whether it might not be true that we may have been receiving scraps of information from other entities for centuries. The answer to the mystery story may be as elusive as the true origin of man and the actual facts of his prehistory.

The lives of the Old Testament prophets are filled with references to fiery chariots, wheels within wheels. Moses and the wandering Israelites were guided on their exodus from Egypt by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The Lord who instructed Moses came in a cloud.

Even before the van Daniken-inspired plethora of books on ancient astronauts (with their theory that Earth may have been visited in ancient and prehistoric times by astronauts from other worlds), it was becoming difficult not to be a scientific literalist while reading the Biblical stories. Space-age knowledge had to be applied to the Bible, and numerous researchers, even before van Daniken, had begun to suggest that it might be just a compilation of contactee stories that were recorded in a time when the percipients were technically unsophisticated.

Such theories are disconcerting to those who place anthropomorphic limits on God, or who feel that a suggestion of interaction between man and a race of super-beings (who are *still* beyond our knowledge) at a time when *homo sapiens* was scarcely out of the pastoral stage of cultural development squeezes mightily upon the collective racial ego. Others insist that those who suggest that Jesus himself was taken up by a spaceship on his ascension (". . . While they beheld he was taken up; and the cloud receded out of their sight" —Acts 1:9) are broadcasting an extremely offensive variety of blasphemy.

Heretical or not, it does appear that those men and women designated by themselves or society as prophets, mystics, and visionaries have consistently been in contact with both angels and aerial objects.

Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, proclaimed that he had been visited by two angelic beings who stepped out of an aerial vehicle in New York State on about March 22, 1820. Edgar Cayce, the well-known "sleeping prophet" of Virginia Beach, told of having seen some kind of aerial object hovering above his Hopkinsville, Kentucky farm during June of 1936. A figure in white descended from the vehicle and identified itself to Cayce (who would become one of the greatest of contemporary mystics) as a horseman from a "chariot of the Lord." Cayce also referred several times to a vision he had experienced as a child wherein an angel accompanied by a strange humming sound and great brilliance appeared to tell him that his prayers would be answered.

John A. Keel, well-known UFO writer, theorized in *British Flying Saucer Review* in June of 1969: "It is now safe to guess that thousands upon thousands of people have been carefully selected, contacted, and used throughout history. We are only now becoming aware of the real phenomenon. . . . The objects were as numerous in 1846 and 1847 as they were in 1946 and 1947, and they will probably be still aloof from us in 2046. . . . We may be dealing with something very basic and very important to our own environment."

Today, scattered throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain—and, it would appear, the entire world—are groups of sincere men and women who have clustered together in small circles to communicate with various entities who may or may not be one and the same. Whether men and women claim to be in contact with Space Brothers, Ascended Masters, or spirits from the astral plane, they are all independently coming up with largely the same communications. These emphasize that man may draw strength from a higher intelligence; that man has all the spiritual abilities necessary for this within his own being; that man is one with all things; that man is approaching a New Age, a period of transition; that other-dimensional entities are present to assist man in leaving the old and adjusting to the new.

After conducting exhaustive research and interviewing literally hundreds of these contemporary revelators, I state in my book, *Revelation: The Divine Fire*, that I have become convinced that the soul-igniting mechanism of the gifts of spirit did not cease with the prophets and saints of antiquity. I contend that the divine fire—which I identify as the transfer of thought, spirit, and power from an infinite intelligence to a finite human intelligence—is a vital, continuing process that observes no denominational boundaries and employs a spiritual-psychic mechanism that is timeless and universal. I maintain that all of the world's great saints, mystics, and inspired men and women of history are as much our spiritual contemporaries as those who seem to be receiving the divine fire today.

At the same time, I do not believe that one should openly embrace new revelations, new doctrines, and especially new dogmas until he has brought an effective test to bear upon the new material. There are criteria one can employ to test whether the new experiences are authentic or just the precocious children of expectancy and ego. In some instances, proclamations of the divine fire may not really be divine at all, but psychological fantasies of frightened and confused men and women. And in some cases of ostensible revelatory experience, I've had the uneasy feeling that the ecstatic experience really was brought about by multidimensional beings, but that they were exploiting their prophets for selfish, parasitical purposes. We may eventually find that, throughout history, such entities have required points of reference on the physical plane of existence that have best been realized through deluded human hosts.

It is important at this point, I think, to note that throughout the centuries recipients of the divine fire, whether they have insisted their message was relayed to them by a cowled figure, a glowing angel, or a bearded master, have been repetitiously proclaiming the same basic revelations.

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Although minor alterations have been made to adapt the messages to contemporary situations, the prophets of 3000 B.C. and 30 A.D. seem to have been receiving essentially the same revelations as the prophets of 1976. At first, such a realization may lead the researcher to speculate about whether the mind of God might not really be some super-cosmic transmitter that endlessly broadcasts the same signal to human receiving sets. (This signal, because of its sameness, might not be especially pertinent to any given period and might have no true revelance to any era.) On the other hand, the researcher may conclude that the very repetition of a basic message may be evidence of the vital relevancy and the universality of a cosmic truth.

Again I must recognize the logic in the words of my friend John Keel. "Each generation is, from its singular point of view, the last generation. Each generation is given the same information, the same warnings, and each restructures these so they appear pertinent to its own contemporary problems. History itself follows repetitious and somewhat predictable patterns. The prophesies of 520 B.C. or 1970 A.D. could be effectively applied to any epoch. You can be sure that there will be people in 2070 A.D. who will be receiving the same signal we are and applying it to their period."

Chapter Five

Hayden Hewes on UFO Occupants and "Bo" and "Peep"

In 1957, I organized the International UFO Bureau, Inc., which is incorporated in the state of Oklahoma. One of the first projects of the bureau was to study UFO occupant reports; the results of the study were published in March, 1970. Illustrated and coauthored by Hal Crawford, *The Aliens* delineated the form and behavior of "alien beings" associated with UFOs, and offered a summary of ufological patterns; this was presented without bias toward any particular theory.

The remarkable story of "Bo" and "Peep" really started for me on July 13, 1974 with the couple's sudden appearance at the headquarters of the International UFO Bureau, Inc. in Oklahoma City.

I was involved with regular correspondence when they arrived. They said that they were interested in talking to me, and that what they had to say was of the utmost importance.

Identifying themselves simply as "Bonnie" and

"Herf," they related basically the story that the media has recently circulated.

While they appeared quite normal, something about them *was* strange. . . . They were dressed simply and were, in my opinion, sincere in what they were saying.

I talked with them for about an hour. Then they stated that it was necessary for them to leave to meet "someone who was coming from a great distance away" and that they would return shortly.

I called Mr. Dan Garcia, deputy director of the International UFO Bureau, and requested that he come over to the office and talk with The Two when they returned. After I told Garcia that they professed to be aliens, it was arranged that he would arrive after they did and obtain the license number of their car so that a check could be made to give us a clue to their identity.

The appointed time of their return passed, and shortly thereafter Garcia arrived. Almost as soon as he did, The Two once again appeared at the office door.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a tape could be made of the interview. A ninety-minute interview was recorded. During that interview, the alleged aliens outlined their plan and warning for mankind.

The most convincing thing to me was the manner in which they talked—they referred to humans as though humans were alien to them.

During the interview, iced tea was served so that the two individuals' fingerprints could be obtained.

After the alleged aliens left, our security officer took the fingerprints and started a routine check in an attempt to further identify The Two.

In the meantime, by chance, another investigation involving an individual who had recently attended some metaphysical meetings in Dallas turned up a description of The Two. It appeared that the same two people had been at one of these metaphysical meetings and had related the same message they had given us in our interview.

It was also reported that they had appeared at and disappeared from the meeting in the same mysterious manner that they had come to and left my office, and that a check of their fingerprints had revealed that they had been wanted by authorities.

Approximately two weeks after the interview with Bonnie and Herf, the offices of the bureau were moved to a new location in Midwest City, Oklahoma. And about one month after we moved, the office was broken into and a number of tapes and files were taken. Among items stolen were the copies of the Bonnie and Herf file, including fingerprints. (The tape of the interview was at another location and was not taken.) The incident was reported to the local police, and they started watching the office more closely at night.

Two months later the office was closed, and the meeting with the "alien" man and woman became just a memory—until the story about the "mysterious two" surfaced in Oregon.

Following is an edited transcript of the interview Dan Garcia and I had with the man and woman, who, at that time, called themselves "Bonnie" and "Herf" and claimed to be aliens from "another level."

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Herf: I feel that you could do our mission a tremendous service if you chose to do so . . . by, and with, whatever means you have available to you to relate that there are two individuals who are here to show and tell how man may make the ascension into the next evolutionary level. We will, under the rules we have to exist under, make that information available wherever it is sought.

In other words, we're not out to sell you something. If you are searching, for whatever the reason . . . if you want the information that we can share with you, we *want* to share it. Our whole purpose is to tell those who want to hear it how they may go through this metamorphic change and become a member of the next level. . . . This is not done in groups . . . it would never happen as an organization . . . it's only an individual who says, "I've had it with this level, and I'm ready for the next . . . and I will sacrifice everything that it requires to make that ascension." For that person, we have a working ground on which to help him with that information.

(NOTE: Herf talked at almost the same rate of speed at all times—he was never in a hurry, and he gave an impression of feeling tranquil.)

As for the general public, I hope we can make them understand that any beings that are more advanced than the human level of being are indeed beings of the next evolutionary kingdom—whether they had their birthdays on the planet Earth or on another planet when it was serving as the place where a vehicle could be developed. . . .

(At this point in the interview, we asked if UFOs were physical or spiritual in origin.)

Herf: It's merely man who has to label them.

They are real . . . they are real at a vibratory control rate. For example, a spaceship can change its vibratory rate. An individual who is a member of the next kingdom can change *his* vibration rate. He can appear and disappear in front of your eyes, because he has developed that capacity.

(Herf was asked for a demonstration of these powers. He informed us that the proof would be given with their assassination, three days after which they would arise in full view of the media.

(Off and on during the interview, Herf would go into a trancelike state.

(We asked if there was a common denominator for the design of the UFO.)

Herf: I do not know. . . . It's not a part of our programming.

Bonnie: It isn't important. . . . If you really want to know . . . follow us, and we can show you all you need to know.

Garcia: You are available to help people who want to go into the next kingdom. In what way can we contact you?

Bonnie: With thought . . .

Garcia: At this time we do not have a formal address for you.

Herf: No . . . and you will not have an address. It's an impossibility with us.

Garcia: You exist on this planet for a specific purpose?

Herf: We can pick up that you want to be in contact with us.

Bonnie: This is what I mentioned earlier . . . that we have been visiting a group . . . and this is probably one thing that will get us killed. When

humans pray, they contact the *source* which we are from.

Herf: If they pray to the highest source.

Bonnie: If they are praying for truth, then they contact us.

Garcia: One of our objectives is to educate the general public about UFOs. If we were to take this step, do I assume rightly or wrongly that we will not be in a position to relate facts as we do now?

Bonnie: Someone else will take your place. Someone else will graduate to your level now.

Garcia: How do you exist?

Bonnie: We do not live on schedule.

Herf: We eat fruit and sleep some. We do not have to play human games.

Garcia: Do you work for a living?

Herf: We do a different kind of work. We are taken care of.

Garcia: How do you get monetary gains?

Bonnie: We cannot discuss that with you . . . All we can say is that it is provided.

Herf: Each need, as the need arises, is provided for.

Garcia: Do you request it?

Herf: Oh yes. With a thought, and it is provided. This is a process you have to learn to move into.

Garcia: Then why is it necessary to convert to the next kingdom?

Bonnie: Because you have to make room for others.

Herf: You have to go through the human kingdom to get to the next. . . . It depends on what your mind is on. A human apparently dies . . . you would never need to die again. You would overcome decay; you would have the capacity with your mind to create anything you desired; you would have the capacity to serve as an agent to help humans come up to the level you have graduated to, and you would not be confined to a single planet.

(The interview was coming to an end—Dan Garcia had to leave. At this point, Bonnie addressed me.)

Bonnie: You have a more open mind than anyone we've talked to.

Herf: You're logical. And we hope you keep it up, because there isn't anywhere else you can go.

Herf, now "Bo" to the human population of Earth, wished to issue the following statement:

This is directed to the highest authority in the human offices: If your nation and others do not immediately stop interfering in the natural evolutionary process, which requires that each individual be left alone to his own development according to his own religion, then the civilized structure around the Earth will be destroyed posthaste. . . . It is not your responsibility to take civilization or social progress to areas where it does not exist. . . . You interfere with the natural processes to attempt to equalize, or even stabilize, grounds around this globe. . . . It is a process that is obtained over hundred of thousands of years and everlasting development. Civilized man today, in his humanitarian effort, is tampering with the process to the extent of endangering the future of Earth's intended function. . . . We are already being forced to tamper with your affairs because of your ignorance in this matter . . . and we will

go to any end to set this wrong right. *Your actions will be your answer to this message.*

As the interview was ending, "Bo" gave me a simple thought-code sequence to use if I ever needed to get in touch with them to know the truth.

Shortly afterward, The Two said good-bye and walked out of the office toward the street. I accompanied them to the road and started to return to the office. I immediately turned around—and they were gone. There were no cars on the street, either parked or passing by. It appeared that they had simply vanished.

It was not until almost fifteen months later that The Two began to hold public meetings. A great deal of media coverage was generated by their appearances at these gatherings and the message they related.

It was at this point that I decided to use the mental code to find out "the truth." It was my understanding that it was necessary for followers to undergo death to get to the next level, but I wanted to know for sure. So I used the code while asking for the truth in the name of our Father in Heaven.

The following morning, I received a telephone call from a young man who professed to be a follower of The Two. He said he had been directed to contact me. "What do you need to know?" he asked.

After several minutes of conversation, it became plain to me that this individual did possess information that had not been related in the media. He advised me that they would always be in touch with me when I needed him.

I tried the code again that night, and the following day the young man called once again. He wanted to talk in person, so I gave him my address. Less than three minutes later, he was standing on my front porch with another individual.

They explained to me that only The Two would die—not the followers. "It is not necessary for followers to die to reach the next level," they said.

Before they left, I was informed that I would be hearing from The Two in the near future. It is very hard to explain the feeling I experienced when it appeared that, in fact, the code had worked.

This book relates The Two's incredible story—a story not simply to be read, but to be meditated and pondered upon in an attempt to fully grasp its possible meaning and magnificence.

It is easier to perceive error than to find truth, for the former lies on the surface and is easily seen while the latter lies in the depths, where few are willing to search for it.

Where does this story begin? With Jesus? Perhaps. However, for us it started with Adam.

Chapter Six

Confronting The Two

I was intrigued by the fact that my friend Hayden Hewes and his associate Dan Garcia of the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City had talked to Bo and Peep on July 13, 1974. Imagine—roughly fourteen months before The Two became notorious and the subject of scare headlines from coast to coast they had appeared in Hewes's office saying that the UFO researchers could do their mission a tremendous service if they agreed to do so.

I asked Hewes to send me a transcript of the tape. In going over it, I was interested to note that The Two were employing the same basic litany that they repeated again and again in their group meetings—the same kind of meetings that led the twenty in Oregon to (allegedly) vanish.

In the transcript they told Hewes and Garcia that they didn't wish to be ridiculed. They weren't there to waste anyone's time and energy. They pointed out that this metamorphic change of which they spoke could only be an individual thing. Groups and organizations could not turn into butterflies: only the individual caterpillars could enter the chrysalis.

It had to be the kind of individual, they told Hewes and Garcia, who would say, "I've had it with this level. I'm ready for the next. I will sacrifice everything, if necesary, to make that transition." For that purpose, The Two had a working ground on which to help the individual; they would provide him with information so that he might become more advanced than human beings and become a member of the next level, the next evolutionary kingdom.

The Two went on to say that UFOs were being seen in great profusion at this time, that the Father was allowing humans to see UFOs so that they'd know that they were real, that they existed on physical energy.

Even though The Two appeared in the likeness of man, they had graduated from other planets. Bo was from one planet; Peep was from another. Once the individual graduated, once he overcame Earth, he did, they insisted, take his body with him.

The Two told Hewes and Garcia that they had had other bodies; the bodies which they saw before them were not the ones into which they had graduated or taken with them on their graduation. They were similar, they said, to humans' bodies, because for their job on Earth—in a human environment, among human-level vibrations—they *had* to have human bodies.

According to The Two, when one leaves his humanity and makes the graduation, he moves into an entirely different consciousness. His body changes just as the chrysalis changes caterpillar to butterfly. The body chemically, biologically, changes over, though it will appear the same until

the crossover to the higher level has ben made. Once one makes the changeover, he is in the next kingdom.

Since Dan Garcia had expressed a great deal of skepticism on the initial tape, I asked him how he would compare The Two of December, 1975 with The Two he met in July, 1974. Garcia replied that he'd found that The Two hadn't deviated at all from their initial statements. He had compared their remarks of 1974 with their teachings of 1975 and checked with certain of the followers, too. He understood that The Two had risen in their level of understanding, and that if there were any differences between what they had initially said and what they were saying now, the reason lay in their advancement to this higher level.

"I personally am still at the stage where I may have doubts, although there is nothing really wrong with having doubts," Garcia remarked. "It's refreshing to me to see a group of people who so solidly believe in what they're preaching. It must be hard in this day of modern conveniences to have to live like these people are living, to exist from day to day, and to accept it quite readily with no qualms, no reservations whatsoever. I have to have a great deal of admiration for what they're doing.

"Now, several months later, their points, their objectives, if anything, are even stronger. Their followers are increasing. People are leaving behind their earthly possessions, totally by choice. In talking to the followers, I become more convinced than ever that what they're talking about and what they're preaching about they believe in one-hundred percent.

"From my own personal standpoint, I don't know if I'd have the courage to do something of this nature. I may decide in the near future to take such a step, or I may never take it at all. It seems to me, though, that they firmly believe in what they're doing as being right and as being truthful. I've been unable to break down their preaching, their story. The Two and their followers seem to welcome anyone who will attempt to try to break down their story. I doubt very seriously at this point if anyone will."

On January 7, 1976, I traveled to Oklahoma City to meet with The Two. I found two very sincere individuals—a man and woman, who, on an emotional level, were totally involved in their mission; on an intellectual level, apparently totally committed to their work.

Physically The Two are attractive, but certainly they are unprepossessing in their personal attire; they wear lumberjack shirts, sweatshirts, and casual slacks. But then, if they're truly sincere about what they're saying, one wouldn't expect to see them in business suits and cocktail dresses.

We met in the very modern home of a woman who had decided to go on "the trip." She was leaving a job; she had already left her family. The home would soon be up for sale.

Fanta was the only follower who was present, and she had been helping to prepare the "Teachings of The Two," which comprise the latter section of this book.

According to Bo and Peep, even before Hayden Hewes contacted me about the possibility of telling their story, they had been formulating plans to

come to me to ask if I would be interested in presenting a fair treatment of their position. Peep said that she was not in the habit of reading "psychic writers," but that certain of my works had come to her attention. They both felt that I would be capable, together with Hewes, of doing an objective job of recording their words in a straightforward manner. They wanted the individual reader to have a chance to make up his own mind, to make his own assessment of the quality and truth of the material.

At the time I traveled to Oklahoma City, the press was being very negative about The Two. They were being portrayed as incredibly powerful masters of mind control, who, according to one person who said he had witnessed their psychic prowess, could turn one's head around totally within minutes. In just a few moments of direct confrontation, it was rumored, The Two could turn someone's brain inside out.

There is no question that The Two are extremely persuasive. There is no question that if one feels that he is walking a spiritual path, if one feels that in his own way he is doing his Father's work, that what they say does bring certain shocks of spiritual recognition, does speak to an inner and private recess of one's psyche. However, the type of commitment that they demand seems extreme; even Jesus didn't demand so much of his followers.

By the same token, of course, Jesus did say to the rich young ruler, "Sell all you have and follow me." He did bid his disciples that if they would be fishers of men, they must leave all behind them and follow him. He did suggest that men and women would be separated from both family and friends if they chose to advance to the Father's kingdom. Jesus did speak of a way that would not be an easy one. But did Jesus speak of a literal, physical kingdom of heaven?

It has been the tenet of western Christianity, and of all major eastern religions, that if one attains to a higher level beyond death one will achieve this in the spirit, not in the physical body. Bo and Peep, The Two, insist it is otherwise.

They insist that one undergoes a temporary death just as the caterpillar undergoes the temporary, deathlike metamorphosis of its chrysalis to emerge a soaring butterfly. The spiritual seeker, they say, must begin his apprenticeship by leaving the ways of his human caterpillar family and friends behind and undergoing the metamorphosis of the chrysalis before he can become a butterfly. Just as a butterfly has a physical body after the metamorphosis, so will those who attain this higher level acquire a physical body for the Kingdom of the Father, the kingdom of heaven, that next higher level.

But it seems that the best way to explain my confrontation with The Two is to present it in the form of a dialogue, permitting The Two to speak for themselves and answer the kinds of questions that perhaps every reader would ask them if he could be seated with them in the comfort of a home, a meadow, or a forest beside a cool-running stream—anyplace where he would not be interrupted in his intellectual-spiritual flow, where the surroundings would blend and adapt themselves to the intensity of the spiritual concepts being discussed.

Chapter Seven

The Teachings of The Two

Question: How long have you been traveling around the country spreading the word of your mission?

The Two: A little more than three years. We hesitate to call this a mission, because of the context in which people generally take that word. We accept the challenge of this time for it is a growth period for us. When we have completed what we have come to do, then the mission, as you call it, will be complete.

Question: Why are you so reluctant to speak of your backgrounds, of your lives before you became The Two?

The Two: We understand how the human mind works, and as the human mind relates to the period prior to our awakening in this incarnation, the human mind cannot help but let that material, that information, dilute his acceptance of what our job is. We make a practice of not relating to our past or the time prior to our awakening not because we have any skeletons to hide, but because when one reflects upon his past he involves himself in the vibrations that existed in the past. Everyone who is engaged in this endeavor should practice *not* reflecting upon what they were, who they were, where their attachments were, the careers they were into, how many love affairs they had, how many children they left behind, because it will immediately draw them back into a vibration. Then they have the difficult task of coming out of it again to catch up to where they were.

We came into the womb of women from the heavenly kingdom. The two of us incarnated, came into this life, forty-some years ago. We came from the next level and entered the wombs of our human mothers, lived normal existences of two different life styles for the time between the forty-eight and forty-four years of our lives until three years ago.

We met three years ago, and at that time it was as if we were being guided by forces greater than ourselves. We were snatched from our previous lives. We went through a very confusing period of transition, not knowing what we were doing, but willing to go through it, for we realized that we had some significant job to do, even though, at that time, we did not know what it was, nor why we were snatched from our [previous] lives.

Our first endeavor together at the beginning of that three-year period was to form an organization called the Christian Arts Center in Houston. It was very short-lived. It was not what we were all about. It was a stepping stone to get our eyelids open.

We had that center for a couple of months, then we moved out in the country to a little place called

Knowplace, where we had classes in metaphysics, theosophy, astrology. But this, too, was very short-lived—it lasted only a month or two.

On the first of January three years ago we left Houston and went to a ranch, and we decided we were going to find out what this period that was so confusing to us was all about. Peep had been, by this motion of our awakening, completely pulled out of her family unit, her career, everything; and this same force had pulled me from mine.

When we got to the ranch we thought, "Why are we here? We'll write a book!" That was the thing, the project, that motivated us the whole time and helped us sustain our semblance of sanity during that awakening period. Then, too, we developed a very strong mental relationship with the next kingdom, which translated into very deep-rooted individual religious convictions.

While we were on the ranch we wrote a little book entitled *I Can't Believe That; But You Must,* which we later threw out. But it was the beginning of understanding what our responsibility was.

For the next few months we toured every state in the nation, surviving any way that we could—digging ditches to make tests for septic tanks, working in filling stations, putting tar roofs on houses in Las Vegas—anything that was enough to get us to the next place and last a little time.

We settled for a little while in Portland. We stayed in the Ananda Morga House for a couple of months. Then we went to the national forest on the Oregon coast and camped for an extended period of time in a little campground called Hideaway near Gold Beach. It was here, while we were in that campground, that we realized what we had to do.

We studied the Bible more thoroughly than we ever had before in our separate studies. We studied the secret doctrine of Madame Blavatsky, which is theosophical material. We studied everything we could get our hands on that had to do with any sort of awareness—spiritual awareness, scientific awareness, religious awareness. Our thirst was absolutely unquenchable.

It was while we were at Gold Beach that we realized that we had, in fact, come from the next level, that we had to be the instruments of giving information about how others could reach the next level, and that this would probably precipitate a demonstration of our death and our subsequent resurrection.

Question: What brought about this sudden realization? Was there any particular incident that revealed this to you?

The Two: We had developed such close communication with the Fathers in the next kingdom that it was revealed to us. The way they communicate to us is mentally. They do not come and appear to us. If they did, we would not believe them. There are others in the Earth's atmosphere who do appear to people in spirit form, but the members of the next kingdom speak to us in our minds or come through our minds, so to speak.

Question: Don't many people have this same kind of experience?

The Two: This experience is different; this communication is different. At this particular time the heavens are in a period of change, because there is a springtime that is having an effect on this planet. Now, as that spring (or harvest) is happening to this planet, a number of members of that next level are moving in very closely in order to participate in the harvest of this spring. It has not occurred for two thousand years.

We have a two-way verification of communication. One of us could be off in one direction; the other could be in another; and we would receive the same impression at the same time.

It was as if they had said, "Okay, in preparation for moving into harvest on Earth, Earth time 1974, 1975, or 1976, a couple of you will leave your bodies in this next level, go to Earth, and incarnate in the wombs of women so you can awaken and talk on a one-to-one basis with humans—who during this time have the option to change over and enter that level.

We were given the role of incarnating as humans, overcoming our humanness, awakening, and sharing this information with humans. In order to do this, we had to develop an extremely fine transmission-receiver relationship with that higher level.

During our incarnation before our awakening, there could not have been two people on the face of the Earth who would have mocked people as readily as we if they had said that they had this particular mission to do. When we realized that *we* were the ones to do this, we didn't have the courage at first to come out of the woods and tell people about it. We hardly had the courage to admit it to ourselves. We realized if we opened our mouths to the public many would consider it the most blasphemous thing that anyone could say.

We were not looking for something like this to happen to us. We wanted to serve our Father. We wanted to learn all we could. We didn't know what the limit would be, but we knew that our Father's work was the most important thing. Many times we would stop and think, "What are we to do, and how are we to do it?" Just talking to people about their everyday problems, helping young people on drugs—we were content to do just that.

At first it was a very frightening thing to us, because we realized we were aliens, that we didn't belong here. We questioned everything. We say even now that if you can prove to us that we aren't real or who we say we are, we want you to do it. If we're saying things that aren't true, we want to be proven wrong, because we're not seeking anything other than to deliver this message we have to bring. It's a burning sensation inside of us. We can't do anything but this work. Our mission has to be told. We give it to people; what they do with it is up to them. It's as simple as that.

Question: Did you try to resist this information, this knowledge? Did you try to refuse the mission in the realization of who you were?

The Two: Oh, yes, that was still a part of our human response. When we came into a human incarnation we got very much involved in human vibrations. When you go through a period of awakening and shedding your human vibrations, your humanness fights against this awakening.

Now, our awakening is a little different from that of others who are catching up with their level of growth because of where we came from before entering this incarnation; but it was so disturbing to us when we actually had it clear in our minds who we were that we couldn't imagine how we'd have the gall to tell anybody what we had to do.

It was only in the spring of 1975 that, for the first time, we wrote the statement that we sent to you and to others. It suddenly seemed as though it was the right time to write it, and it seemed as though people were suddenly looking for it.

We were invited to Los Angeles by that girl who, in many of the newspaper articles, turned so bitterly against us. She was host to us, had us come to her house. She's a leader in the Los Angeles psychic community and various metaphysical centers. We spoke to a group of about a hundred people at this girl's house. Little did we know when we shared with them that night that during the next two or three days one-fourth of those people would come to us to say, "Well, what do I do? I have to do this, too."

We were just blown out of shape, because here were people insisting that we must tell them about the process. So we found a campground that was free, and we said, "If you indeed have to, then we will meet you in such-and-such a campground, and you bring a little camping gear with you and prepare to sit and talk with us, and we will tell you what we know and share with you what we know."

And very quickly some came and decided it wasn't for them and went back. And others came and then others came and that began this thing of our talking to groups of people and having them, upon hearing what we had to say, insist upon carrying out a response.

We're not trying to sell anyone a bill of goods. In fact, we try to discourage people. We say it's tough. It's the toughest thing you will have to do in your lifetime. Think about it before you do it. We don't ask anyone to follow us. We would just as soon they wouldn't.

We say, "Stay and tell others about this. Try to help your community. Try to make them aware of the next level of existence so that they'll know that it actually exists, that Jesus is not a fantasy floating on a cloud someplace. God is not floating on a cloud someplace. It's as real as what you are right now. It's *more* real. You're only playing a game in this life. It's a process that you have to go through in order to become a member of the next kingdom. If you survive the human process, and you take a vehicle to the next kingdom, then you can become a member, a full-fledged member."

When the information is as heavy as this information is, it can affect people in different ways. Some don't understand and they say, "Those guys are really crazy. They hypnotized me. They mesmerized me. I don't know what happened to me, but I had to get up and go do what they said had to be done."

They can turn violent toward us, and sometimes they do just upon hearing us. Some get up and leave the meeting, go call the sheriff, and say, "What those people are advocating they should be put in jail for!"

But we're not advocating anything. We're sharing with you what has been given to us. Take it or leave it. But if you take it, you've bitten off a chunk that you'd better be prepared to chew.

The next level does *not* need recruits. They can get along without any new members. But at this time, the next level says, "If you want to, and if you can endure a process of totally overcoming your humanness, then you can enter the next kingdom."

The only reason Jesus reappeared to his disciples after his death was to tell them that he was flesh and bone. He was not spirit. He didn't have to be crucified and rise from the dead. He just proved that he'd changed over into another creature that could even heal its body and take it with it into the next level.

Now the whole world has twisted what he said into believing that if we're good little boys and girls and go faithfully to the grave we'll get some little spirit body that can go to the heavens; and it's an illusion. You do not have to die.

Question: We assume that this kingdom to which you're referring is what is commonly thought of as heaven.

The Two: But it is more accurately a kingdom in the same sense that there is a mineral kingdom, a plant kingdom, and lower animal forms and human levels and a level above human.

Question: When you mention UFOs helping you ascend to this level-above-human, are you suggesting that heaven is on another planet?

The Two: You don't go from this little planet from which you came, from which you took your graduation, to another planet, because your recycling is over. When you graduate, you become a part of a whole range of heavenly bodies with different responsibilities or obligations, with different tasks that must be performed.

If you graduated from this planet, you would choose to serve some of those who are working their way up toward graduation, so that when the next harvest comes there will be some fruit for the Father. So you're not going to graduate from Earth to Venus or from one planet to another.

You might serve in this galaxy, human time, for several thousand years. According to the level-above-human, two thousand years of Earth time is but two days. In the Book of Revelation, John received a mental communication from the one who fulfilled the role of Jesus; and when he tuned in to what the plan was for the day after tomorrow in the heavens for planet Earth, he was referring to what would take place two thousand years hence, Earth time.

Question: Can you describe this other kingdom?

The Two: We can tell you characteristics of the next kingdom. But as far as describing it, we couldn't do a very good job of it—any more than a dog could in his language describe a motion picture to another dog. It's impossible. For one thing, in the Father's kingdom they do not use words; we communicate mentally. In our Father's kingdom you can change your vibrations so that you physically appear and reappear in different places.

Question: Are the members of the Father's kingdom human in appearance?

The Two: They have physical bodies, but they have changed over so that they are capable of doing more perfect things. You could not go to the Father's kingdom the way you are now, because you have not overcome your humanness; you are still bound to this Earth. You are bound to the vibrations of this planet until your body has *overcome* the vibrations of this planet.

You have in your body glands in your brain that will never be used until you attempt this changeover to go to the next level. During that changeover process those glands will come completely alive. Sections of your brain that are at the human level and are never used there will come into full motion. You will literally become, for the first time, a significant individual, not one who cares about competition or stature but one who has the capacity to function in a more serviceable way to creative life processes.

Just as Jesus had the capacity to change his molecular structure and to walk through walls after his resurrection, one's capacities become almost limitless. Jesus had been in that next kingdom before coming as Jesus; so when he completed his mission, which put him on another rung on his ladder of growth, he could do more than the products of this planet would be able to do upon first reaching that next level.

In our Father's kingdom, in the center where the Big Guy is, there are no factories; there are no abrasive things. But there are other creative planets like the planet Earth that have been converted over to what we call heavenly bodies that members of our Father's kingdom can travel to and from, because the people have overcome being the equivalent of human and have chosen to serve or become members of our Father's kingdom. They function in different ways, just as our job in the past was to start this garden.

Question: We don't quite understand why it's necessary to leave all of one's humanness behind before the changeover to the Father's kingdom.

The Two: As long as you're human it makes no difference whether you're spending yourself as a scientist or a prostitute, as long as you're still spending your energy at the human level. There is really no difference.

There's no one morality that is better than another morality, but once you involve yourself in the change—the same change that the caterpillar has to go through to become a butterfly—you literally have to let every ounce of energy that comes into your body convert to your change.

You overcome the need for receiving affection, giving affection, needing people around you, needing to get on a soapbox to preach or teach a lesson, needing to sing an aria at the Metropolitan Opera. And that weaning process of overcoming those needs is what literally converts this vehicle into another, and until that time your mind is kept anesthetized by your spending of energy. It cannot really even open until all the fluids in your body contribute to the opening of your mind, instead of being spent in sex or socializing or whatever your addictions are.

Question: Is it true that you came to Earth in a spacecraft?

The Two: It is correct. Our life forms did.

Question: Why did it take you over forty years to realize, to remember who you were?

The Two: It was like the guys in the next level said, "Okay, you two, we want you to awaken at such-and-such a time in the 1970s; we want you to have a thorough involvement with the human world so that you can be better teachers. We're going to plant you forty to forty-eight years prior to the time so that you really become heavily involved in the world—not a world that you can cop out on, but a world that you'll really enjoy—so that when you awaken you can make sense with others, other humans who have been heavily into careers or into family units or passions."

And our awakening was not done by ourselves. Our awakening was done by members of the next level who, so to speak, brought their little smelling salts down and said, "Okay, time to shake off the human life, time to wake up to your job."

Question: But how can we really know that you're who you say you are?

The Two: You will not know that we are who we are until we leave. Then you will know it, and there are many others who will say at that time that we have proved it to them.

If we proved it to you now, you would be motivated by that proof instead of by your desire to do as we do. Do you understand that? The next level says, "If you want to get here, you have to get here without any proof."

If you can prove us wrong now, do so. We would like you to, honestly. What we want everybody out there to know is the truth, and if the truth is that we are a hoax, then we invite that kind of proof, because we want them to know the truth. We aren't on any glory trip, believe us.

You either have to remain in a forward motion of growth or turn against us. There is never a middle way. When someone does involve himself in this process and it becomes too much for him or he doesn't like it or what it's doing to him, then he has to choose to be against us. That's why Jesus said, "You are either for me or you are against me." There is *no* in between.

Question: You aren't suggesting, are you, that you two represent the second coming of Christ?

The Two: No, our job is to help the prospective members of the next level in their graduation. The one who was the Christ is a part of this harvest, is at this very night in close range, and will greet those who have overcome their humanness when they prepare to leave.

Jesus is not going to come down and walk around in some flowing white robe and say, "See my scars? I'm the one." He has promised his people that if anyone says that he is the Christ, then he is not. This includes himself.

We are part of a preparation, a preliminary, so to speak, of Christ's coming; and the ones who will

overcome will be literally lifted up to a spacecraft and leave.

We have to leave before he can come. When our work is completed and we leave, then he will come right after that.

Question: Then that adds a great deal of seriousness to your mission. Have you been given a time limit to accomplish this mission on Earth?

The Two: No. We have an idea, but as far as precisely how much time we have we cannot say. It may be next week. The precise time will be determined by the next level when they feel our job has been sufficiently accomplished. Then, if they choose to go ahead with the demonstration, the next kingdom will permit the forces that would do us in to move in and kill us, and there will be a demonstration.

We are like actors and they are the directors, and it [the time frame] has not been predetermined. Also, you can understand that if we knew exactly the time of the completion and we told anyone, it would be like a doomsday trip where you have X number of days and weeks, etc., in which to do your overcoming.

If we are able to get our story out and people respond favorably, then we may not have to leave right away. We may be able to stay longer and prepare more fruit for the harvest.

But if people don't respond, if they are asleep or if they say, "Oh, they're on an ego trip. They must have been eating too many blackberries," and excuse us as clever tricksters, if it goes that way, we will be able to leave right away, because we will have tried to push a wall. We will have tried to help people who don't want to be helped, who prefer to say, "Believe in Jesus. He will come and save us." When two people have come to help them, it hurts too much.

Question: When you say that you have to be assassinated, put to death, in a major American city, are you patterning yourselves on the experience and the death of Christ?

The Two: No—it's the only proof we can show that we are who we are. It is characteristic of the members of the next kingdom to be able to heal their bodies in three and a half days. The fact that we might have to do that demonstration did not come to our minds after reading Jesus' life.

What you don't realize yet is the reality of the mental communication that we have.

We are hesitant about telling the world that we are related to the passage in Revelation because they immediately, in their human way, think that what we're really saying is, "Hey, look at us! We've come to fulfill that."

Jesus made such a mistake when he went into the temple, opened the book, and said, "On this day scripture will be fulfilled." They threw rocks at him, pitched him out of the church.

Though we know that scripture coincides with our job, we don't tell anybody about it, because it destroys, it inhibits them; it puts up more of a wall to their acceptance of what we have to say than they had without our telling them.

Question: We understand your reluctance to provoke people and their hostility with outrageous statements. And speaking of provoking hostility, have you ever been confronted by the close relatives of people who have left everything and followed you?

The Two: Yes, and some have made threats on our lives. We're not frightened, because we're prepared for the event. But we also have to be as thorough in doing everything as we can—in a positive way. We do know how to avoid unnecessary interference and delay, because we still have to be as thorough as we can in getting this word out. And we can't get this word out at *all* if we're running around corners hiding from people.

It's strange the reaction that this truth has on people, especially the ones who are Christians. They say, "Who do you think you are, Jesus? What right do you have to come and turn our children away from us?"

Question: But sometimes it must affect you when you know that your job, your mission, is causing a great deal of misery and suffering among the people who don't follow you.

The Two: If the people who follow us leave for their Father because they love their Father, the ones who are left behind can, in a sense, be blessed. In fact, they are blessed. They will have the opportunity to grow.

Maybe they cannot understand it at this moment, but they will have the opportunity to choose to go after a certain amount of growth within them. Does that make sense? Through their suffering they will grow to understand what is happening, and they will be given the choice of making it to the next kingdom or staying human.

Question: Is it true, as we've read in newspaper accounts, that some parents have actually given away their children?

The Two: Not "given them away" in that sense. They found someone who wanted to accept the responsibility of their children. We didn't encourage them to do this. We did not say, "Give your child away. Go abandon your child."

If a wife should leave her husband, that husband can take many attitudes. He can say, "If that's what she really wants, then I want her to have it." He can say, "It may be what I want also." Or he can feel very bitter and feel hatred against us.

As for any small child who has not come into sufficient maturity to do the process at this time, it will be his time at another springtime. Nothing is lost.

Remember, it says in scriptures that two will be sleeping in the bed, and one will be taken; and two will be at the plow in the field, and one will be taken. People don't just pull up out of the ground and go into the air, but they have to choose to leave all behind. Jesus said in the days of Noah that people were marrying and giving in marriage; they had not overcome that. But they must overcome it now, because it is an obsolete thing to be doing.

There should not be crime, but that's going on

now. People should be above that. There should not be prisons to lock people up in. They should be above that.

There's no excuse for a man to kill a man because he has killed someone else.

Man should be as free to enjoy the fruits of this Earth as the animals who abide by their own unaggressive law. But man has chosen to become a different sort of creature—grabby, greedy, and aggressive.

At this period of harvest there are people who are, so to speak, angels in the making, because the prospective graduates of this planet *are* angels in the making. Yet when they have stepped out of their lives to involve themselves in their overcoming, they find themselves in a world that is very difficult, where it is very difficult to find anyone who will assist them in even finding their daily bread. When they choose to overcome, they find themselves in a world where it is very rare to find individuals in any community who will even let them do something for them in return for a meal or lodging.

Not many years ago, when people saw a poor person come into the house they were not afraid to feed him or to give him a little something to send him on his way, because they felt like it might be an angel of the Lord visiting them in secret. Today even most of the religious people will scold someone who finds himself penniless and say, "You're strong and healthy and have a good mind. Go back into the world and settle down and do your daily chores—do whatever the job is."

The world has become so greedy that individuals who attempt the process of overcoming have a very difficult line to walk in order to survive until they leave, for it is wrong for them to put that change in jeopardy in any way by breaking the law. It is wrong for them to misrepresent the next level by going around with their hands folded and their tails between their legs, so to speak, in a sort of begging attitude.

They are not ashamed of what they do. They are proud of what they do.

It is very difficult to find anyone in the world who will even examine you carefully enough to discover whether there is goodness in you that is trying to blossom, or whether you are just an easy copout.

Question: What is your attitude toward the orthodox churches?

The Two: When a person endeavors to overcome all of his humanness, his goodness exceeds anything that could be attained under the label of "spiritual endeavors" or "religion." When Jesus brought the truth, he did not bring it as a religion. The *world* made it a religion after he left. The world couldn't really do any better during that season of darkness after Jesus left than to make his teachings dogmatic religions and to practice rituals that made them feel like they were coming closer to God.

But when the season is here to expose the truth, it's time to get out of those practices and put into realistic action what it takes to get to the next level—in the same way that Jesus demonstrated.

If you want eternal life, then you want to go to the next kingdom. If you want to go to the place

that Jesus spoke of and where Jesus came from and is now, then this is the way to do it. You do not do it after death. You have to do it when you are fully conscious.

Question: Does that mean for the last two thousand years people who have followed Christianity have been laboring under a delusion?

The Two: No, they were preparing themselves, so to speak, for now. Now they are being put to the test. Do you want to go on or do you want to stay here? It's your decision. You have grown to that stage in your development where you are entitled to graduate.

Do you want to make it? Do you want to go to the place where you pray to? Or do you want to stay here as a human?

There is a commonness to religion in that this next level is reached only by individuals who have become weaned of Earth-type vibrations, weaned of Earth-type lusts, and have become creatures that Earthlings would call completely good because they want only to serve in the creative process of the gardening—whether it's the gardening of this particular little globe called Earth or gardening in far-distant galaxies.

Question: Why have you chosen—or why have the "boys upstairs" on the next level chosen—that you begin your mission at this time?

The Two: It's not because of what's happening on Earth. It's what's happening in the distant heavens that makes it possible.

Here is the little teensy planet Earth; and somewhere very distant in the heavens there is an arrangement that permits a package of energy to hit this planet. It's like pouring fertilizer on all the gardens so heavily that they go through a growth period that would equal what they would normally do over a thousand-year span during a tiny space in time. This is literally what's happening.

In the far-distant heavens, there is an opening of energy that is focusing on this solar system and having its direct effect on this little tiny speck called Earth. Every level of life form can shoot intensely upward at the same time, because the direction of that motion is determined by the individual. The direction that you put that energy into can make you go intensely downward or intensely upward. You control which way you put that energy into motion.

Question: Why do you need a spacecraft, a UFO, to take you from planet Earth to this other kingdom? Why can't you just go there, dematerialize and materialize there?

The Two: It's not that we need it. It's expedient, for one thing. In order to enter or leave the outer limits of the Earth's atmosphere, a certain amount of protection is needed. These craft in the next level, which we label "craft" for lack of a better word, are actual means of transportation that serve as protection and an expedient function of travel.

Members of the next level do not flap around on wings, and they are not spirits that can just travel with a swift process of the mind. They are total individuals with complete bodies that vibrate

on a different level and have the mental capacity to do hundreds of things that the human does not have the capacity to do.

Question: And the beings who are piloting these UFOs—are we to understand that their sole motivation is to help us get from here to where they are?

The Two: These beings have become creatures who no longer find any pleasure in a baby rattle. They have outgrown such things. Their pleasure is to function in the creative process of the heavens.

The best thing that a human can understand about them is that their pleasure is in the participation in the creative process, whether it be the germination, the beginning, of another garden in another place or the coming in with a harvest to a garden that has a graduating class. They are also pleased to participate in the structures of solar bodies in a very distant galaxy in order to inspire a creative process of growth.

As we mentioned earlier, planet Earth could be converted into a heavenly body. There are other planets that have been like the planet Earth, that were creative planets and have been converted.

Now, they have the knowledge of how to make UFO modes of transportation. They are no longer functioning as humans, but as members of the next kingdom. They have overcome their human way. They are no longer having babies, getting old, and dying. They've taken their birth to a body that can transport them into an atmosphere that has no decay. Therefore, they are seemingly ageless.

If they entered an environment that is a very decadent environment, a decaying environment like this one, it would have its effect on them while they were here. And so they wear certain protective clothing to guard them against this decaying environment. They do need a certain amount of sustenance while they are in this environment, because this place saps their energy so.

But in the other places about which we speak that are not human-type places, that are not creative gardens but have already been converted, so to speak, into heavenly bases—there individuals are in a condition of agelessness. And they participate in the functions in which they choose to participate—and those are the growth processes of the literal heavens.

Question: Do the UFOs people have been sighting in the skies of Earth all come from the kingdom of your Father?

The Two: The ones of which we are aware, of course, come from our Heavenly Father. There have been some reports that we question, and we don't really know where those craft have come from.

At this time of graduation, everybody is reaching up with whatever he is capable of. Therefore, humans on planet Earth are sending things out into space, trying to do in a human way what they really want to do in another way. It's possible that at this time human equivalents in other gardens are reaching out and causing a certain amount of entrance into this atmosphere. We don't know.

It is possible that some other equivalent, in its reaching out, has caused itself to come within

close range of this planet. But if they *are* human equivalents, they will not have the capacity to do what members of the level-above-human can do. Members of the next level are, of course, coming here because of the harvest.

Question: Are you able to remember the spacecraft that brought you to Earth some forty-odd years ago?

The Two: We feel it is totally insignificant for us to remember that. If it were within our power to relate to you some of the things that we could relate to you, it would merely strengthen your disbelief in what we say. We would rather not try to remember things or relate to things that would "beef up" our information. We would rather that it remain strictly information for your own overcoming.

Question: How have you been managing to subsist in the past three years? Have you ever been near starvation?

The Two: We fasted a few times. Several times, we lived off bread and butter. At this time in our lives it doesn't matter what we eat. We spend our energy differently from the way you spend yours. We have lived off berries in the wilderness. We eat what is available. Because our minds are so active on other things, bread, butter, and berries are absolutely satisfactory.

We don't spend our energy with attachments. We don't spend ourselves in a sensuous way, even in the mildest form of needing affection or needing to give affection or needing to pursue a career. Our energy is entirely mental in its relationships to this process.

Our whole physiology, our whole biological structure, is quite different from what it was. We're very much stronger physically in some ways and very much weaker physically in other ways because we are making the transition.

Question: It has been suggested that your followers are prepared to fast to the point of starvation. Is it true that your followers must die in order to gain the price of admission to a UFO for translation, transition, to the next level above human?

The Two: They do not have to die any more than Moses died or Elijah died or Enoch died. They will be lifted up wherever they are. Their metamorphic conversion, their change, will be accelerated. Some short time after we go, they will be prepared to leave. When they are prepared to leave, they will be lifted up.

Question: You say that your bodies must lie undisturbed for three and a half days in order for you to accomplish a self-healing, so that your bodies are perfectly in tune for your ascension. What if someone takes your bodies to a funeral home and embalms them or cremates them?

The Two: Our vehicles cannot be touched. They have to be guarded, and nothing can be done to these bodies. We have protection, and we also have those with us who will see to it that nothing is done to us.

Question: And if your bodies are left untouched we will see you physically rise, we will see your physical forms disappear above the clouds?

The Two: No, you will see them enter a craft.

Question: When will this happen? Within the next few months?

The Two: Possibly, but possibly it will be longer than that. It might be this month. It really depends on when the next level chooses. Even if we knew, we would not be specific—we do not want to precipitate a doomsday effect. If people read about our deadline and believed it and thought that they had only X amount of time in which to do their own changes, they would be motivated by their acceptance of a deadline, a doomsday. The next level does not permit that sort of motivation. You have to do it giving your all to it, knowing that it might take an extended period of time.

Question: Are things predetermined, predestined, at the level above human?

The Two: When you become a member of the next level, you begin to learn to trust your feelings more than your mental processes. You condition your mental processes to become feeling and awareness instead of a calculation of reason. It's a real misconception to think that things on the next level have been previously programmed and are set up and are going to happen in a certain amount of time. They have more control of what happens moment to moment on the next level than you have at the human level, yet humans think that everything is predetermined at the next level.

Things are given to us on a step-by-step basis. The members of the next kingdom are the most gentle individuals. They are very considerate; they are very kind; and they are good.

When the rich young ruler came up and asked Jesus, "Good Master, what can I do to have eternal life?" he said, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good." And this is the way it is. The members of the next kingdom are goodness.

The effort that you put out when you start on this path continues into the next kingdom, and you grow from it; you learn from it; you become closer to your Father through the efforts that you put out. This is what motivates you, so to speak.

Question: Don't you find life here on Earth very frustrating?

The Two: We find it disappointing. Because of the forces that rule this planet, people don't want to give up their material things. They say they honor their Father from the next kingdom, but they really honor the god of this planet who gives them all these material things.

Question: How many people that you've met through your various meetings have given up all their earthly possessions to follow you?

The Two: They do not follow *us*. They follow the information. Some may hear us at a meeting. We may never see them again. Some may hear us at a meeting and show up at the next meeting place.

Some may join with others who have left their world for a period of learning to better understand what their task is, and then go in separate directions.

We have no idea at this point how many are involved in this process. We could guess and say it's around one hundred, but by now they might have touched base with five hundred new people.

Question: Are there others who are having meetings similar to yours? Your disciples, so to speak?

The Two: Yes, but mostly in rather quiet ways, going around to different communities. We don't maintain contact with any of the partners who have gone off to spread this word. We don't say, "Those who have gone off to Pennsylvania, we'll call you on Tuesday," or something.

The whole process requires that they have the freedom during this time to go where they feel they want to go and do what they feel they must do in order to involve themselves in this process. We wouldn't hamper them by saying, "You have to keep in touch with us."

We don't know how many have turned back. We don't know how many new ones are involved in the process.

Question: How do you differ from orthodox Christian clergymen who say, "Accept Christ"?

The Two: These orthodox clergymen are not members of our Father's kingdom. They are humans. They have not started on this path. We wish that those clergymen would accept what Christ said. If they would accept and do what Jesus taught the world to do, they would know him in a different way.

These clergymen are not aware of this kingdom. They think it's something you achieve after death. There are people in the spirit world, but they think they are God, and they come to these clergymen and give them all their knowledge. But it's limited to the Earth. It does not come from our Father's kingdom.

If these clergymen love the next kingdom as much as they think they do, when they hear this information they will realize that they're falling short of what would please their Heavenly Father, the one they say they adore, who was called Jesus and who performed the mission of the Christ.

Question: Then you're saying that earthbound religious leaders, such as Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, the Pope, whatever, are not in touch with the real Jesus Christ?

The Two: They are not in touch with our Father. Jesus was Jesus while he was on this planet, but he is a Father in the next kingdom. He is fathering these people in this kingdom. What the religious leaders are reaching for is the real contact with the next kingdom, which is available now. If the various religious leaders of Earth or anyone else with orthodox religious beliefs truly seeks to enter the kingdom of Heaven, the option is his and he will do it if he chooses to. Such people do not do it through us. They do it through the information we are sharing.

We have simply come to be used to pass this

information on and to show that life can be overcome, that the human life can be changed into one that is heavenly.

No one will get to the higher level by putting us on any pedestal, by adoring us, by following us, or doing anything with us.

Question: Is this why you have chosen such silly names as Bo and Peep? Have you chosen these names as a further rejection of your humanness? Like, who would want to worship Bo and Peep?

The Two: That's right. We chose these names at random. We've used Tiddly and Wink. Nincom and Poop. We've used many ridiculous names from time to time. If we had our way we would bear what we have to bear without even existing.

If we'd gotten off some spacecraft and come into your midst and repeated this information, you could say, "What makes you think I can do what you can do?" *We* say we've gone through that process and it's available to you. We have gone through it as humans, not as entities from a spacecraft.

We chose the names Bo and Peep in a time of humor. We had used Winnie and Pooh. We used Chip and Dale. We kind of like Bo and Peep because of its connotation of shepherd—"Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep."

Question: Do you have names in the next kingdom?

The Two: There are no names there. That's why we said Jesus is not Jesus by that name in the next kingdom. He is only a Father. He is a member of the next kingdom. We do not care for names. We don't even like to have our pictures taken.

Question: If there are no names and no identities, does that mean everyone is the same in the next kingdom? Or is it still possible to be an individual there?

The Two: You become even *more* of an individual. You become totally an individual. Through your efforts here you grow in the next kingdom. It depends on how much effort you have put out—that determines your growth. But you don't stop growing once you get there.

On the next level there is no competition. There is no desire to elevate oneself or even have an identity that would separate one from others. It's a desire to function.

Question: Let's say that people really begin to tune in to what you're saying and suddenly you've got two million people following your word and wanting to go to this other kingdom. Would all those people be assured of room aboard the UFOs that are coming to collect them?

The Two: First of all, we're not selling tickets or trying to get a certain number of recruits. If, by chance, two million should choose to overcome their humanness, we are certain that the next level would have sufficient transportation to take them where they were to go. There are many, many UFOs. It is not just one UFO responsible for these many sightings that people have been recording.

Question: And you came down in a spacecraft forty-some years ago?

The Two: We did *not* say the spacecraft came down to Earth. It came within range to deliver us.

Question: And just precisely where in the heavens is this heavenly kingdom? Precisely where is the planet, or whatever, from which you came?

The Two: People who require that kind of information before they pursue their overcoming are lost. If they need that kind of understanding to justify their procedure, they will never make it. Do you understand that? In other words, you're saying, "Well, I'll believe you if you can give me sufficient proof of another level or tell me the things that will entice me enough to get me to try this pursuit."

People don't really understand what's going on on *this* planet. It would be impossible to make them understand what's going on elsewhere—or even what it's like on other levels.

People asked the same question of Jesus. His disciples said, "Well, tell us about the heavens! Tell us about the heavens!" Jesus replied, "Why should I tell you about the heavens when you don't even believe what I tell you about Earth?"

We are not programmed to give you accurate information about that next level, for it is not a part of our job. We can tell you how to get there, and then you can find out all these answers to your questions yourself. And this isn't a copout on our part. We're not trying to evade your question.

It's simply that we are not computerized to answer such questions.

Question: And yet on such vague information you are expecting people to leave all they have and follow you?

The Two: When somebody follows us from meeting to meeting or follows our group in order to study this information, we don't ask them how much money they brought, who they left behind, who is unhappy, what their legal status is, what drugs they were on. We don't ask them anything. If they want to involve themselves in completely overcoming their humanness, we accept them as they are. If we discover someone is under-age, we'd like to say to him, "Forget it. Go home." But we're not that much in contact that we can even make that recommendation any longer. We don't even know the names of the people who come to see us. We don't even know the names of the people who leave on the trip.

Usually at a meeting there are people who get to talking among themselves, and some say, "Listen, I've got to do this, too."

And so we say, "If you feel that you must, that is your choice. If you want to go to where we come from, then *you* make that decision." We will tell them where we're going. That's all we can do.

There are some who come to meetings with their backpacks, their cars packed to leave that very night, and they say, "We want to go with you. Where can we meet you?"

We try to talk them into going the other way.

We say, "It's tough. It isn't an easy trip. Are you sure this is what you want?"

It they insist, we tell them where the others are going. We tell them what campground we'll be in, and then they can come if they want to. But that's as far as it goes.

Right now the world would have people believe that we are trying to convince people to come and join us, that we insist that's what they must do. It's really the opposite of that. Someone who can leave everything behind so quickly and so easily we really wonder about.

If they can leave everything so easily, then they haven't really given much consideration to what this trip involves. It may be a copout thing for them. They can't find what they're looking for, so they'll try this. And this is why we try to discourage them, because this *isn't* a copout trip.

Question: What conditions do you set down for the people who wish to follow you?

The Two: We say that this experience requires your overcoming your humanness. We don't say that you must do this and this and this, pack your grip and we'll meet you in such-and-such a place. That's up to you. Whatever your life that you've left was and what you chose to do with it and how you leave it is your thing, not ours. If people come to us for that advice, we don't give it to them. We say everything is up to you.

Now, they can't maintain apartments and go on this trip. They have to break off the ties to a certain extent, but we don't even tell them that. We only give general information.

If, out of our lecture, our talk, some individuals come forth from the audience of their own volition and say, "I'm not satisfied. I want to go further. I want to do more," we say, "Well, how much more do you want to do? Because if you involve yourself in this total process, it does require that you overcome every bond you have with the world—including your means of making money, your relationships with other individuals. But we don't want people to do anything careless or abrupt."

If someone comes to us and says, "I want to go with you. I have thirteen thousand dollars. What do I do with it?" we say, "It's none of our business what you do with it."

Or they may say, "I have so many children. I have this wife, and she wouldn't understand this."

We say, "We don't want to hear about it. What you do about those things and how you handle them should be done with careful planning, very careful discretion. Use the best of your ability not to leave a mess."

We don't tell them to write their fathers, their mothers, their wives, or whoever, and say something like, "Good-bye. I'll never see you again. You'll never hear from me again."

That's cruel. That's really dumb and cruel. We would never tell anyone to do that.

We do suggest that they write to their parents every so often to let them know they're okay and haven't been taken off to some wilderness and slain. We are not advocating inconsideration. We want people to become more kind.

If you're a prospect for a kingdom that's noted for its goodness, you don't just do careless numbers on those you leave behind. You don't just abandon things. You don't just leave people thinking that you've flipped out and gone off to disappear someplace.

People who go on a trip become better law-abiding citizens. They don't have drugs or promiscuous sex; smoking has to go; no alcohol.

If one uses his head properly during this process, he will find all the sustenance he needs. Jesus said, "Those who follow after me will not have a hair on their heads harmed. They will be stronger and healthier because of the experience."

The same thing is true now. There is not *one* person who has chosen to involve himself in this who has not become stronger—unless he has chosen to go back and let the experience weaken him. If he stays in the forward motion he becomes physically and mentally stronger.

Question: Why is sex taboo?

The Two: Your body needs all the energy that comes to it converted instead of spent. These are not taboos from any moralistic viewpoint.

For example, those involved in the process do not drink coffee, because the body becomes more sensitive. If they should drink just a half a cup now, they would be able to notice the change in their consciousness.

Question: What if the relatives of someone on the trip should come and ask to see him? Would you forbid them to do so?

The Two: We never tell them that they *cannot* meet with their friends and relatives. We say that if they do meet with them, they will put themselves into an unnecessary anxiety state.

If you meet with a loved one who desperately wants you to stop this experience and come back home, then it's an unnecessary trauma for that loved one as well as for yourself. But we don't tell them they *can't* do it. We just say, "This is what you're possibly in for. Be aware of it if you choose to do it."

Many of them have met with their loved ones after they were on the trip, and they've marched right back home because they found out that the trip was not for them. But they grew by the experience.

Question: What if you discover someone on the trip sneaking a cup of coffee or having sex with another member?

The Two: We tell them that if they want to make it to the next kingdom then they must overcome Earth. If they cheat, they're only cheating themselves—they simply will not leave when everyone else leaves. If they don't do what they're supposed to do, if they're still bound to something here on this planet, then it's not time for them to go. They are not cheating us at all. They are not cheating members of the next kingdom. It is themselves they are cheating.

It's an individual thing. Each individual has to take the trip. We cannot do it for them. We do not want to do it for them.

Question: You must feel some compassion for the troubled and disturbed families some of those who've taken the trip have left behind.

The Two: We feel about them the same way that we do about those who pursue this process. We hope that they will not choose to interfere with other people and that the experience of being left behind—if they are left behind—will be one of growth for them, positive growth.

But we suffer for them. We suffer for those who are left behind because we would love to have them understand more completely. They are still in this world, and they can't help being hurt. But we say that if they turn to their Father, he will help them.

We don't rejoice in their sorrow. We felt pain for the two children, in one instance, and for what the mother was going through because she loved her Father so much that she was willing to give up all the things on this planet in order to be a member of his kingdom. I knew that she would suffer because she had to give up her children.

But we were also aware of the fact that those children might become stronger individuals than they ever would have because of that experience.

Question: Have you ever claimed to be divine beings?

The Two: "Divine beings" are a human word trick. We are from the next level. Perhaps many Earth individuals would tag anyone from that next level as a divine being, but we would not call ourselves divine.

In our bodies we have extremely sensitive transmitters and receivers with which we can communicate with members of the Kingdom. It's something that you can do yourself. You can develop it. You can put to use the glands—the pineal gland, the thymus, the pituitary, and the rest of your brain—put them to work, develop them, and the knowledge that will come to you will be absolutely fantastic!

But you will also have to change your energy flow. You can't continue to spend yourself in human ways and have much change happen within you. You will become a grouchy, irritable individual if you try to go both directions.

Chapter Eight

Taking the Trip

At this point in my discussion with The Two, we began to talk more specifically about what it was like to go through the process of overcoming humanness. I think the question-and-answer format is, again, the best way to present what they had to say.

Question: What's wrong with just concentrating on becoming a better human, rather than straying off into the wilderness, so to speak, and taking your kind of trip? What's wrong with just becoming a totally complete human being?

The Two: You should try to do the best you can to be a good human if you plan to stay at the human level. But at this time, when this truth is brought to you, you are being put to a test. You will have to make the choice of whether to work for your Father or whether to work for man.

The only way you will become complete, independent, is to overcome other life forms so that you don't need them in any away at all anymore. You need to lick your desires. You need to overcome the desire to be satisfied by others.

When Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, it was as if he actually wanted to wipe the dirt off the roots that glued them to the surface of the planet. He said, "You won't understand what I am doing when I do this," as he went around washing their feet. "But," he said, "in the time to come you will." It was like hoping to really cleanse them of their gravity support to this planet.

When you no longer have any addictions to this planet in any of its aspects you are free. For the first time since you began, you are free.

Question: What will be the duty of the individuals once they get to that next level?

The Two: They have another whole set of activities that are not ever meant to be clearly discussed at the human level, because the human would try to copy them at his own level.

Is there anything more beautiful than being in the level to which humans can pray?

Is there anything more beautiful than assisting humans at harvest time and getting them to that level?

One activity of the upper level is to go off to other solar systems and help plant gardens that will grow to serve the function that Earth is now serving in this immediate solar system—or going to become a part of the energy motion that brings the gases together to form the beginning of a planet and stay with that planet, nurturing it all the way through its growth, even seeing the fruit of that planet become members of the kingdom of heaven.

Question: If I follow you, I have to give up a woman's love, a father-child relationship, my work, material things. What else would I have to give up?

The Two: Everything except enough food and liquids to sustain your vehicle while it is here, and enough rest to give it the strength that it needs while it's in a decaying atmosphere such as the Earth's vibration.

Food is not an addiction, though some people overeat to the point of being obese. You will eat until you are full, and then you will have a rest period until you become empty and hungry again.

As long as you are on this planet, you will need a certain amount of food and liquid to sustain your body, and a certain amount of sleep. Anything else, whether it's desire to play the violin or preach a sermon or nurse a child, anything of this world, you must overcome.

Now, there is one way of spending your energy that assists your growth, and that is spreading the mental energy that comes from our Father's kingdom. The kind of spending that we're doing with you now assists us in our growth and is replenished by our Father's energy.

We don't just spend our energy with you here because of your questions. Believe it or not, when you go home and think about what we have said —and you won't be able to help but picture us in your minds as we were when we said it to you— you'll take our energy then, too.

Each person we have met is off somewhere, walking around and thinking of us and what we have told him. He may be in trouble; he may need help; he may need energy. He takes it from us, and it is our pleasure to give it to him.

Question: If I followed you on the trip, would you give me a special diet?

The Two: You can eat anything that your body desires. If you desire a beef steak and your body needs beef, then your body needs beef. If your body desires oranges, then eat an orange . . . or onions . . . or cucumbers. Whatever you feel your body needs, this is what you eat. You do not limit yourself to a certain kind of food. It simply does not matter what you eat.

You must learn how to listen to your body. It will begin to dictate to you in order to satisfy the needs in your body.

Jesus said, "It makes no difference what you eat or drink. It's not what goes in your mouth but what comes out of it that you need to be concerned about."

It's true. Whether it's chocolate candy, Coca-Colas or watermelon—whatever you're hungry for, eat it—if it's available. You adjust to what's available.

If you feel very strongly about needing something, then you put out the effort to find it and satisfy that need.

The important thing is that your thirst for knowledge constantly increases. And as that thirst increases, you exert the will to proceed as fast as you can through the experiences of your growth.

What you do, in essence, is say to your Heavenly Father, "Give me the whole thing. I'm asking for it. Shoot it to me! Give me the works!"

And he gives you a really difficult lesson.

Then you probably say, "Well, now, wait a minute, I didn't mean *this* way. I was willing to have a pleasant lesson, but let's not have this difficult one!"

As soon as the difficult test is passed and you've survived it, you will begin to recognize the tests as they come, and even thank him for them. And you will begin to wonder what's happening if you've had a few days without one, because you'll wonder if you aren't exerting the will necessary to move ahead to the next test.

Question: If I come with you, do I have to change my name?

The Two: We say it's best to leave the name that you had in the human world behind. When someone comes on the trip, we do not sit down and say, "Okay, tell us about your life. What did you leave behind? How much money did you have? How many children did you have?" We don't care to know a thing. We don't *want* to know the name you had. We don't want to know anything about you.

Candidates for this trip change their names all the time, but they don't have to. It's important, though, that each person have some sort of name that we can call him that isn't related to his past. The biggest trap he could fall into would be to sit and think about the past or the world he left behind.

The past should be the past, because you now have a full-time job ahead of you. When you talk about who you were when you were twenty or when you were fifteen and you get into those vibrations, you become that person you were when you were fifteen while you're talking about it. Then you have to recover the ground that you've lost during that time.

When you go on this trip, you will never again be able to say, "Well, after all, I'm only human." If you say that, you're in trouble—because that humanness has to go in a hurry.

Question: If I go on the trip and decide to leave it, can I come back on again?

The Two: Anything is possible, but those who have left felt when they came with us that all they wanted was to know the truth. They believed that they were seeking their Father, and when they were given the opportunity to learn more about this process they chose not to follow through. Perhaps they gave in to influences that made them go elsewhere on their own.

We tell people at the meetings that we're not seeking followers. If they want to follow us from meeting to meeting, we will spend as much time as we can with them. But it's really up to the individual to tune in to this process. If it were possible, we'd enjoy sitting and talking with everyone who came on the trip, answering questions, but that would be like Jesus keeping the disciples with him forever. They understood exactly what he was talking about as long as they were with him, but at that stage of their growth they could not always stay on the vibration when he was apart from them. . . .

The whole mode of operation of the experience of overcoming this world is that the individual must face each new moment with the option of completely changing it. You become submissive entirely to the leadership of members in the next level.

We may sit in the same room among those who have come with us and say nothing to anyone, because everyone must learn to break habits that he had in the human world of feeling. Humans feel as though they all have to gab since they're sitting together, since they're all in the same room. To be able to sit silently in a room with one another is but one thing that helps to increase your independence.

At the very beginning of our awakening, we had to learn total separateness. We had to learn that in order to be together and do this work, we had to be completely independent. It's because we *are* completely independent individuals that we can do our work together. If we for one moment began to take from each other or depend on each other —outside our relationship with this work—there would be a destructive force there. The energy would be going laterally instead of vertically, and that's very important [for it to go vertically]. There are so many things that we're in the process of learning more thoroughly than we could possibly have learned in the human world.

In the human world we felt that we must take care of others. We don't feel that way now, and we have to adjust ourselves to *not* taking care of others or being responsible for them.

If we ever feel any of our people drawing from us, then we have to send them off someplace. They must learn to develop a relationship with their Father, not with us.

Question: I would assume that you feel the greatest joy is doing your Father's work. What would you consider the greatest sadness?

The Two: When we see people who are ready for this information who reject it. We do not try to force this information—we present it.

If people want to give their little spiel about what they believe, we will listen to them. Then, when we realize where they are, we will say, "Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us." We do not try to fence with anyone.

If people are asking, seeking, we will spend a lot of time with them. But if they're trying to joust with us and trying to change our way of thinking, there's no need to waste our time. We know where we come from and we know that there isn't a word that could be spoken that could change our minds.

Question: If you're going to be picked up in a UFO by members of the next kingdom, are you going to have to go to a certain place at a certain time for this to happen?

The Two: No, we do not have to be in a certain place. We, of course, would not head for the middle of Times Square—unless we were to do our demonstration there. We would probably go out to a spot that was relatively remote, but we wouldn't go there until we felt led, until we felt it was *time* to go there.

Our Father's kingdom will wait until the world has decided about us. If the world decides that we must follow through with the demonstration, then we will go into our Father's kingdom.

We will keep a very close eye on those who are involved in their overcoming and stay as close to them as we can. And when they have completed the process, they will receive the information about where they should go so that they may leave. We do not feel that they will leave from public areas. The public show will be *our* demonstration—if it is necessary.

Question: Will other people be able to see the spaceship land and see the followers get on board?

The Two: The spacecraft will not land. Individuals will be lifted up to the spacecraft if they have overcome. That is why if you go on this trip you have to overcome everything. If you have not overcome, you will not be lifted up. If you cheat, you only cheat yourself.

Question: When you say all must be overcome, are you saying that the metamorphosis has to be totally completed?

The Two: Except for the final ingredient, which will be given to you at that time.

Question: What if one has worked really hard for the Father and for his entrance into the Father's kingdom, but he hasn't been able to calm maybe just one aspect of his humanness?

The Two: We had one fellow who came with us—and we will be blunt about this—who had sex a couple of times after starting on the trip. He told us about it. He thought that if he worked very hard doing his Father's work, he could make up for what he had done.

We said, "Listen, we can't say that doing your Father's work is going to replenish this force within your body. You'd better straighten up and play right, because you're only cheating yourself. We would hate to have you go through all the process and then say, 'Well, I can only go so long without sex.' " He said he could only go three weeks at a time.

Question: If sex must be denied, if that energy, that force, has to be kept within the body in order to complete the process, what if an individual has nocturnal emissions?

The Two: Wet dreams, orgasms in one's sleep, become quite common in the early stages of the trip. When the candidates receive this energy force in concentrated form, their bodies frequently will force their human plumbing to act as an escape. They will have orgasms in their sleep, but they will not receive any pleasure from them or desire any pleasure because of them. It will merely be excess energy released from their bodies. If they wish to receive pleasure from their dreams, then a whole different system of chemistry is working. But if they're working against that desire, then any spillage that happens will not inhibit their growth at all.

Every candidate on the trip has to reach the point where he does not have to have sex. Otherwise he is still addicted to the Earth.

Once the candidates get one-hundred percent on the trip, they have no other thoughts but their relationship with their Father and overcoming. They're asking their Father all day long for everything they can learn.

When they go to sleep they may have wild dreams. They may have the most unbelievably sensuous kind of dreams. They may awaken in the morning filled with guilt because of all the things that have gone on in their dreams, but the dream is just the way your computer responds to what's happening in your body.

As they get deeper on the trip, they will learn that if an influence comes to them at night and tries to do a number on them in their sleep so that they will dream about sex, they can awaken and turn that influence away. They can learn to awaken in their dreams and turn negative influences away.

But most of the things that happen in dreams are simply the mind, the computer, responding to energy that is coming from our Father's kingdom. It does change things on the body during sleep, and the individual is being replenished.

Because the candidate on a trip is going through so much cleansing, all this garbage surfaces during his sleep and he may awaken with the memory of these sensuous dreams. But he has to learn to forget about them, just discard them, have no guilt about them, and not reflect on them or do anything else to waste energy.

The candidate can prepare before he goes to sleep at night by asking his Father to help him cleanse his mind, ask him for a good night's sleep without the little memories of those influences that would fill the mind up with garbage.

Question: What about people who join the trip, for example, the day before you leave. Let's say they put their one-hundred percent selves into it. Will they miss the ascension this time? Will they have to wait for the third harvest?

The Two: Have you read the parable in the Bible about the vineyard owner? The vineyard owner hired workers at the beginning of the day, and he kept hiring them for the same price as he paid the ones who had begun to work at the beginning of the day until one hour before quitting time. At the end of the day when he paid everyone off and everyone received the same wages, the ones who had started early in the day said, "This isn't fair. Why are these latecomers getting the same wages that we are?"

The vineyard owner said, "What should it matter to you what they're getting? I promised you so much money, and this is what you're getting. I promised them the same."

Even if people have not joined the trip until one hour before we do our demonstration, they will be able to ascend with us. But if they have heard our words before and have said, "Well now, I'll just wait until they do their demonstration," that's when they will have missed the boat.

If you want to go, you ask your Father how to help you. You don't put him off by saying, "I want to go, but I'm not ready right now. Could I have a little more proof? Could I have a little more time?"

It has to be the candidate wanting this more than anything, asking the Father to show him how he can leave.

Question: But what if you sincerely know in your heart that you want to go on the trip, and at the same time there's that other feeling that says you can't go yet because of personal commitments?

The Two: It is a requirement of everyone who wants to become a candidate for this experience that he must leave the entire world in which he has been involved while he has been human.

You're going to have to tell your best friends in the invisible, your spirit guides who have made you strong in whatever ways you were strong, "I'm sorry, I'm going to become complete in myself. I don't need you anymore."

And they're going to come back and say, "You're full of beans! This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard in my life." They're going to pull every shenanigan in the book to try to talk you out of this experience. And that will be a test of the strength of your will in your relationship with this level.

We believe that the light has been extended a little bit because people's interest is beginning to take hold in what we're doing. More people are listening. It needs to grow even more.

Let's say the light has been extended, which means that people will have a little bit more time to come on the trip. We're beginning to believe that there are people responding on different levels. Eventually they will have to step out of their lives and leave all behind. Eventually they will have to come to a decision and say, "I can do only one thing. I must do my Father's work."

Nobody else can give them an answer. It has to be between them and their Father. We cannot be involved.

The relationship that one builds with his Father will give him all the answer he needs, and he can work out whatever he needs to work out. That's part of the growing process, making one's own decision. But nobody can do it for you.

If an individual walks out the door of his life and starts this process on the strength of his conversation with us, and if he feels that it was the conversation with us that convinced him instead of something that happened within him and his relationship with his Father, he will soon fall away. If he doesn't have the strength of iron, he cannot make it through this process. But he can have the strength of iron easily—if his relationship with his Heavenly Father is what it must be.

Question: One question keeps popping up at the back of my mind: What happens to the money that each of the candidates puts into the pot when he comes with you?

The Two: There are "pot" holders—that is, individuals who keep the pot in which those who come on the trip place whatever amount of money they have. Most have just a little bit—five or ten dollars, two dollars or something—and say, "This is all I have." Then we know that they have, in their minds, made that step of relinquishing.

The story of the pot grows from day to day.

Probably people will be reporting it's worth a hundred thousand in a month or so.

Actually, everything that was ever in any pot has been spent many times over in sustaining the immediate needs of the group and in outfitting people who showed up with nothing. There has never been a time when the pot lasted more than a few weeks in sustaining a group through the lesson period—or until they got from one camp to the next. There is not a remnant of a pot still in existence anywhere, but here again people believe what they choose to believe.

We have gone to several meetings that we felt we must go to just on the faith that our expenses would be covered while we were there, and our Heavenly Father has seen to it by some means that generous people come and say, "Look, if you've found yourself caught in this circumstance, I want to help bail you out of it."

But as far as the pot is concerned, if someone arrives and needs a coat, money is taken from the pot for his coat. If someone arrives and needs new shoes, money is taken from the pot for his new shoes. The pot is not for profit, only for sustenance.

Question: You must sometimes feel from the negative, often hostile, reaction toward you in some cities that there are greater forces working against you.

The Two: Of course there are! At no time since Jesus was here have the lower forces, the workers of Satan, worked as hard or had as much *reason* to work as hard as they have at this harvest. It will be those forces that do us in if that has to occur, and that's perfectly acceptable to us. That's all part of what we knew we were getting into when we accepted responsibility for this experience.

Question: I have been told by psychics that the individual soul has the right to incarnate when and where it wishes in whatever body might be available. Do you believe that the soul chooses to be born into certain bodies?

The Two: You had the opportunity to choose your body if you wanted to. The Father has the final okay, but it happens in a natural process. Take us, for instance. Before we were allowed to come into this kingdom, we had to take on a vehicle that nobody else wanted, because our Father does not interfere in the natural planting process of Earth.

When our vehicles were still in the womb, they belonged to the two who had been allotted to them; but they rejected the vehicles, possibly because the experiences that they had to go through were distasteful for them. Our Father allowed us to come into those vehicles only because they had been rejected, and we took them on—and through our own strength of will were able to survive this lifetime.

The vehicles have been made through natural sources. Earth women had been impregnated by Earth men. When the babies took their first breaths, we entered their vehicles.

A baby in itself is alive, but the life force that puts a body into its complete action (that is, a mind, a soul) enters at the time when it takes its

first breath. (That does not mean that the baby is dead until that time, because it is life in itself—every cell of its body is alive.)

Now, there's usually an individual waiting who's been assigned to the vehicle that's in the womb in the mother. When the time comes for the baby to be born, it has the opportunity to go in or to reject it. In the case of our vehicles, nobody wanted them!

Our Father does not interfere with the process of birth, but we were able to enter the vehicles at that time.

Question: You mentioned Satan earlier. Where does Satan or Lucifer enter the total picture?

The Two: On all sides and from all directions and in every form! Lucifer is real. Lucifer was a member of our Father's kingdom and fell from the kingdom when he displeased the Chief by getting into his own ego trip.

Even in our Father's kingdom you have options. You are not a puppet in our Father's kingdom. You have the will to go wrong even on that level—though you have overcome the human world of options and of going wrong human-style.

Lucifer chose to go wrong; therefore, because of his influence, he could no longer be permitted to remain among those who chose to be good. He had to be cast down to a planet.

Our Father's kingdom can use any negative and turn it into a positive. Lucifer's presence here on Earth has been the very thing that has germinated the garden. It is the very thing that gives you the experience of testing, which you need in order to change your body over and become a member of the next level.

It is overcoming Lucifer that permits you membership in the next level. His presence here is necessary for your overcoming. In that way, our Father uses Lucifer's presence here.

Lucifer takes on the form of anything that would blind your eyes to this truth. He takes on the form of anything that would convince you that heaven is to be found on Earth. He takes on the form of anything that would have you believe that to be a human is better than anything else. He takes on the form of anything that would have you believe that you must sustain and increase your humanness—even if you think you can become a god on this planet and a part of the spiritual growth of this world. If anything prohibits you from rising to become a beginner on the next level, that thing is your Satan.

Hell is the literal condition of being without the facility to go to your Father's kingdom. Anything that keeps your vibrations at the human level, whether it's your career, whether it's your reproductive processes, is influenced by those who are serving Lucifer's purposes—even though they may believe they are serving God.

Question: We hate to keep bringing it up, but humans have been trained in this particular civilization to what may, in your view, be a very deadly concept of possession. We have been conditioned to say, "I own this piece of property. I own this car. This is my child. This is my husband or my wife." How can we break away from those feelings of possessiveness?

The Two: The child that comes through your body you do not own at all. You can grow through whatever time you spend with that child—and we hope you want the child to grow also—but if part of that soul's growth is immediate separation from you, you have no right to the greed to say, "This is my child. Therefore, it owes me this or it owes me that." That's pure greed.

And there's no such thing as "a child." "A child" is a name that a human has put upon a new life form that comes in. If you realize that the thing you want to assist that soul in achieving is his total, independent identity, you will want to help break the bond that is between you in order to help him grow. You don't want to *increase* the bond and make him sap off your energy or you off his.

Intelligent humans should study this thought and realize that it's worse than primitive to feel that they own other human beings.

Society is programmed to say that if a mother goes off and leaves a child, that's bad. Or if a husband leaves a wife, that's bad. Perhaps under certain conditions in society in a time when the light is not present on Earth, it would be bad. But now, when the light is here and people must leave everything behind because they want to go to their Father, it is different.

Let's say, for instance, that a wife is left behind. She has two ways in which she may respond. She can cry and sob and say, "Oh, my life will never be the same! He has ruined my life!" Or she can say, "Well, I love him enough to know that he loves his Father and has to go to him at this time."

And then she can turn around and say to her Heavenly Father, "Help me to grow from this experience instead of suffer from it. I'm going to do all that I can to go where he is going."

Humans really do not know the meaning of love at all. They know the meaning of sapping each other's energy, and they know the meaning of being hooked on each other, but they do not know how to really show love.

Question: But if someone decides to go with you, does that mean he or she has to leave wife or husband behind? Is there any reason why a marriage partner could not accompany one on the trip?

The Two: Husband and wife can take the trip at the same time—but not together. It would be impossible to become an individual if you went together on the trip. You would be forever concerned about her, and vice versa.

In order to leave this Earth's atmosphere, you must go alone and overcome whatever needs you have for any other individual or thing of this Earth. Anything for which you depend on another human being or anything on this Earth must be overcome.

You must go to your Father and say, "I don't want to stop. I have very little strength. I am weak. Help me, that I may not weaken so much that I will go back."

When you are looking to him, you cannot look to another individual. People can help you. You can travel together. And this is why we say partners are very good. But it must be a partner whom you have never known before, but whose desire is the same as yours—to make it to the next kingdom.

Partners can be man and woman, two men, or two women. Age and sex don't matter. They have to have only one desire—to totally overcome this world. They have to have a very strong will, and a willingness to assist someone who seeks to please their Father.

Chapter Nine

Changing Over to Butterflies

Finally I came to discussing the details of the physical metamorphosis with The Two.

Question: We continue to be confused over this state, this transfiguration, whatever you call it, in which you do not enter the grave and death to accomplish your reward.

The Two: Let's take a caterpillar: one who has been a caterpillar many times. If he has completed learning his caterpillar lessons and it is the time of year when butterflies can be born, he will separate from his caterpillar condition, go into his chrysalis—not even knowing what he is doing—and change over and emerge a butterfly.

The same thing is true of a human being. To be a human many times is appropriate for him, as he learns lessons in each lifetime that he passes through. But there does come the season when members of the next level can be born from the human level. During that season, those humans who seek to grow to that extent have to examine the requirements of that growth and establish with

the butterflies, so to speak, establish with the kingdom of God, a thorough communication—not to be compared with any degree of communication they have had with the next level prior to that time.

Though all the time you were in previous incarnations you may have tried to communicate with the next level in terms of calling it your prayer or your meditation or your relationship with God, at one particular time that communication has to become more than a part-time or awkward, clumsy communication. It has to become the genuine energy that takes you through a transition into the next level.

The Christians today, like the religious people in the time of Jesus, would rather lean on the comfort of their spiritual concepts than actually go into the action of overcoming their humanness. But Jesus did not say, "Come and follow me by staying back in your life where you are." He said to the rich young ruler, "Go sell your things and come follow me." This put the young man on the spot, because it was probably what that young man had been waiting for many lifetimes for, but when it came time for him to achieve it, he could only reply that it was going too far. . . .

The purpose of Jesus' coming was twofold. One purpose was to tell people how they might go through this change and get into the kingdom; the second was to show them that he was going to change over his Jesus-body into a body of the heavenly kingdom through a *natural* process.

Jesus was not spotless before his changeover, as some say he was. He told people clearly that none were without sin. He grew up with the normal addictions to his family unit, to his childish play—and severed from them. He went, as an example, through the weaning process himself.

How could he say that others might do it too, if he had not demonstrated to them that *he* had done it? He said, "I have overcome the world, and if you do exactly as I have done, then you do not need to die. I will go a step further and demonstrate that even death itself cannot capture me."

When they rallied around shouting, "Show us a sign! Show us a sign!" Jesus said, "The sign of Jonah is the only one you're going to get," which meant that as man had lived for three and a half days in the belly of a whale and had come out alive, Jesus would live through the death experience; he would step aside from his body while it healed itself.

Then, when he appeared to them again, the point he had to drive home was, "I am not a spirit. I am flesh and bone. If you must, stick your hand in my side. I'll sit and eat with you, and you may do everything that I have done and even more."

Overcoming your humanness requires that you shed all your discarnate parasites—those invisible individuals who are sapping your energy in every endeavor you are pursuing, even at the highest spiritual level. You must become a single, complete individual, independent of everything except the leadership of your Heavenly Father.

When that is completed and you have finished it in season, there is a dispensation. You put all that you have into overcoming your humanness. Hold nothing for yourself. Lose yourself entirely, and

put one-hundred percent of what you have into the overcoming.

Then, when the harvest is ended or it's time to leave and enter the next kingdom, you'll receive that ingredient that's lacking in you for the next kingdom. You'll receive it in a moment. It's like the treatment that makes you complete, that makes you whole.

Anything that is imperfect in you at that moment is made perfect—whether it's a malfunctioning kidney or a limb that you lost in an accident or an eye that needs glasses, whatever it might be. If that fault has not been corrected during the process of your overcoming, it will be corrected at the moment you are prepared to leave.

In our Father's kingdom they have physical bodies. They all receive their bodies from human equivalents. They are not products of this garden, for this garden is young and has not had its first graduating class—though members from the next kingdom have come at several intervals to help bring it up a notch or two. But no products of this garden that came into their germination on this planet have yet graduated into the next level.

However, every member of our Father's kingdom graduated from a planet similar to this one. They are now close to you if you seek to join them. It's the same now as it ever was. You cannot function in our Father's kingdom in spirit form.

Question: This continues to puzzle us. We have always believed that when we went to the kingdom of heaven we would be in spiritual bodies, rather than physical bodies.

The Two: The kingdom we're talking about is a real kingdom, just like the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the lower animal kingdom, the human kingdom, and the kingdom above human, which we refer to as the kingdom of God.

However, in that kingdom there are many individuals whom a human would consider gods. Therefore, there is a chief who's the Big Daddy, but he is not within close range of this planet.

You are victims even now of discarnate spirits who try to learn their lessons by influencing your minds. They want to go through experiences in your body that they must, in fact, experience in their *own* bodies. This body belongs to *you*, the one who entered your body when you took your first breath.

Spirits think they are in heaven, many of them, when they are discarnate, but they have fallen into the same trap that *many* have fallen into during the dark or unlightened period. They would not have you even look to examine the truth that is available to you now. Since they believe they are in heaven, why should you go through this very difficult task of reaching the *real* kingdom of heaven?

The heaven that the discarnates exist in, the astral or the invisible world, is confined to the limits of this planet's atmosphere. In their minds, they think they go to other planets and other universes and other places, but they do not.

Now, they *do* serve you in a way during the time when it's appropriate for them to serve you. The one who owns the body can choose to play host to these discarnates, or it can move upward. Any

human endeavor, whether it is to be a good bartender or to be a saint of saints, is initially motivated by carrying out the desire of a discarnate.

Question: Couldn't these motivations come from within one's own soul?

The Two: No. But don't misunderstand. Without getting into all these experiences you cannot learn lessons. It's just that there comes a time when it's no longer appropriate for you to sit in school. There comes a time to become totally another being.

This is not to criticize the preacher, the teacher, the saint, the drunk, or the prostitute, for they're all doing what makes sense to them at the time. And there's really not one experience lesson that's right and another that's wrong. You have gone through experience levels of all kinds.

You're in the worst trap of all when you've worked your way to the point where you're thoroughly involved in being human. You have your grave plot paid for. You have your children's educations paid for. You're working on your mortgage, and you're meeting your payments. You are a Rotarian on Monday, a Presbyterian on Sunday. You are Mr. Thoroughly Human.

All right, that has served to get you to six o'clock on the great cosmic clock, but at seven o'clock you begin to say, "There's got to be something more than this. This doesn't make sense anymore. I'm not satisfied just to be involved in these games." So you begin—slowly—to be the person who's a little bit of a misfit. You say to yourself, "Something is wrong with me, because I can't really get into apple pie and football like I used to."

As you work your way further around the cosmic clock, you may become very involved in esoteric material, in far-reaching esthetic studies and endeavors. Things in which the man on the street is interested no longer have any appeal for you.

These studies may be good learning grounds and therefore should not be criticized, but they can also become traps, because you can see them as great wisdom. You can reach out into the etheric or the astral and establish relationships with individuals who think they are masters. They may have risen in their discarnate condition to an elevated aristocracy or spirituality. They may feel it's their responsibility to serve you at that level in their growth and everyone else's growth. This was not necessarily inappropriate for them—*before* the season for graduation arrived.

Question: What has happened to the "Oregon Twenty-two" and others who left on this trip?

The Two: We believe that it was more like the "Oregon Thirty-four." They're a beautiful bunch of individuals who are all over the country now, attempting to endure their overcoming and spread this information to the best of their ability while growing.

As to the others you mentioned, we don't know who you mean specifically, but many have come from cities and their overcoming requires a mental association with "home base" or "direction" in the literal heavens. They do not necessarily maintain any physical contact or any communication with the two of us or others in the same process.

We know that's kind of hard to imagine until you're actually involved in the "Son of Man" experience. If their relationships are strong with our Father's kingdom, they are stronger and healthier in mind and body now than they ever were before. If their endurance weakens and they choose to cease or delay their overcoming process, they have chosen to listen to others who would excuse their disbelief or justify their turning back.

Question: How many of the disciples have left this planet already?

The Two: None, for none have yet completed their changeover. Furthermore, *we* will reenter the Heavens prior to any of their departures.

Question: So many different groups think theirs is the only way. Why do you say yours is the truth and the only way?

The Two: First, *it is;* and you will recognize it if your thirst is not satisfied at very inviting stepping stones in your upward pursuit of knowledge. You can easily recognize that this information differs completely in one aspect from all other pursuits. That aspect is: *You must take a changed-over physical body with you into the next level.*

Because of that aspect, this truth requires that you literally leave the human kingdom level while a healthy vital individual.

Our way also assumes that there is a particular season for this physical metamorphosis. A candidate who endures realizes that that season is here *now.*

It is the same truth that Jesus bore while his mission was a part of the previous season of metamorphosis. He demonstrated the change and left in his changed-over physical body—no longer Jesus, but again a member of the heavenly kingdom.

Question: Do you have camps or training grounds where people can go to learn the overcoming process?

The Two: Specifically, no. But the whole world is now beginning to be the training ground for individuals who are in the overcoming process.

Most have partners and, from time to time, without premeditation, gather in groups of various sizes for specific purposes. These times permit them to grow together, share together, and assist new prospects.

For example, several pairs of partners might find themselves in the proximity of a major city and decide with the help of their communication with the next kingdom to hold a meeting in that particular metropolitan area. It is easy to understand that four or five pairs could more expediently find a meeting place, print posters, distribute them, and find the opportunity for covering those needs financially.

Often times innkeepers, upon hearing what they're all about, will give them a few days' free lodging and perhaps a meal or two. Others might contribute the meeting room, while still others,

often new prospects, will assist them with groceries, gasoline, etc.

Question: Because the organs and glands are involved in the metamorphosis, what is the status of women and men who had had hysterectomies and vasectomies or other types of surgery?

The Two: It doesn't make any difference what surgery a person has had. If he has the mind and will to overcome, any physical deficiencies will be made perfect before he enters our Father's kingdom. Some are corrected during the changeover, and any that have not been corrected are made perfect by members of our Father's kingdom at the time of departure.

Question: Can you get to the next kingdom if you have a police record? What happens to those in prisons?

The Two: Our Heavenly Father couldn't care less what your past record is. What *is* important is what you can change into. One who has completely overcome any desire for sex or physical affections is far more of a virgin than one who has never had sex but desires it. All must become completely pure of their humanness.

Any police record would certainly not be held against a prospect, but that doesn't mean that a prospect could continue in unlawful activities on the basis of their not being held against him.

Any who are in prison who attract the attention of a member of our Father's kingdom during this graduation opportunity will immediately begin their changeover process. Whatever time they have remaining in jail will be used to accelerate their change. In most cases, one who became a prospect while in jail would find his term shortened—for unexplainable reasons. None would be left behind because of confinement. Only an individual's reluctance to seek our Father's kingdom would find him left behind.

Question: How much does it cost to come on this trip?

The Two: Your humanness! We are not selling tickets to the next kingdom nor courses with a fee. There is no personal consultation charge, nor does anything else in this experience have a price tag on it. Whatever funds are brought by prospects can be used to spread the word or assist others who need outfitting.

Question: Are you the only two who are from the next level here on this planet?

The Two: We are the only two from the next level who have incarnated at this time to be the bearers of this information.

Question: Are you the two witnesses referred to in Revelation 11?

The Two: That is a loaded question, and it is not appropriate for us to answer it. Each of you will decide that for yourself. It is not *who* we are that is of any importance; it is the information that we bear that should concern you.

Question: If you want to get this message out to as many people as quickly as possible, why don't you just go on TV?

The Two: We would if it could be done under the right circumstances. I'm afraid we're not casual enough about this information to permit it to be interrupted by commercials, station breaks, and the like. Also, most emcees, interviewers, and hosts carefully maintain the control of viewing time, and this circumstance would not permit an adequate delivery of this information.

Question: Do I have to be in a certain place at a certain time to be picked up by members of the next kingdom? How will I know?

The Two: The particulars related to that question have not yet been decided. Believe it or not, members of our Father's kingdom don't work on a predetermined agenda. What they do in regard to you depends upon what *you* do.

If none overcome, there will be *no* pickup. If many overcome, their departure will be worked out, and the precise time and place will be clearly given to the ones who are acceptable through their communication with their Heavenly Father. None who have applied all that they had to the process of seeking the Father's kingdom will be left behind.

Question: If I were out doing the Father's work and I had no money, would it be okay to go into a restaurant, order and eat a meal, and then say I couldn't pay for it?

The Two: We can't imagine any circumstance when that sort of conduct would be considered right, for the attitude that would accompany that action would certainly be found lacking. This sort of circumstance does not allow the merchant to have the opportunity to give.

Question: Is it possible to stay in my home environment to do this process if I am already unattached to material things?

The Two: That question is unknowingly dishonest to begin with. No one can stay in a home and not be bound by the requirements of maintaining it, and a person would certainly be limited by the interferences that would accompany that circumstance. A prospect has to be in a circumstance where he has only one thing on his mind (literally)—becoming a member of our Father's kingdom with his help while it may be done. His only desire during this time is to please his Heavenly Father, and this requires *all* of him. All his mind, all his heart, all his soul, with no divided interests.

Question: It was written long ago that at a certain point in the course of time, information would be given to man that would leave him "without excuse" for not entering the kingdom of God. Is this that time and information?

The Two: It is.

A Statement Prepared by The Two

> For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
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> —Matthew 24:24

We bring no signs or wonders, nor do we claim to be Christs or prophets, but simply bear the same truth that Jesus bore in the season that he promised. We come from the same kingdom that he came from and bear witness to his teachings. Our Father's kingdom is reached only in the way that Jesus taught and demonstrated.

> And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price.
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> —Revelation 22:17

> Then I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpers playing on

their harps, and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are chaste; it is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes; these have been redeemed from mankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are spotless.

—Revelation 14:1-5

What Is Happening in the Heavens at This Time!

If you could project your mind out into the heavens and look at the positions of planets and other solar bodies in this immediate solar system, then extend your observation even more distantly, you might not be able to see the actual physical manifestation of energy; but if you were sensitive you would be aware that there is at this time an intense energy source focusing on this planet.

How severely this energy is affecting other planets in this solar system, we don't know—and it is not important to us. This energy focus might be more clearly understood if you picture a searchlight that is circling in the far distant heavens without interference from other bodies in the heavens, clearly shining on this planet as it did approximately two thousand years ago in its last orbiting.

Another way to picture this same energy field would be to imagine a very distant emission of energy that has been obstructed from this planet by the positional interference of other solar bodies. At this time it is as if an opening or a shaft has been made by the present position of the heavens, permitting a strong intensity of that energy field to focus directly upon Earth—as it did approximately two thousand years ago.

It really does not make any difference what the actual cause or reason behind the energy focus is. But to be aware of its presence—and thereby understand why the life forms on this planet are responding the way they are—is significant, and will be helpful in understanding and controlling one's own individual response.

Everything in the heavens, including this planet, is in a constant process of change and response to change, and that response determines growth or decay. This little planet called Earth is a garden from which individuals whom man would label gods may be born. "Gods" because they are members of a kingdom level above the human—the "kingdom of God."

When this planet came together and was formed by members (or a particular member in that level-above-human) whose responsibility or chosen endeavor was the creation of a new garden, it became the place where germination could begin and life forms could multiply. If the life forms survived all the intermediate lesson-steps of growth, they could work their way up to the human level.

Now at this particular time, when an intense energy source is striking the planet, graduation from the human level into the level-above-human, or the kingdom of God, is made available.

The Earth garden has had life forms survive in growth-motion into the human kingdom in previous civilizations. However, at the time when the availability was offered, those previous human civilizations were not able to make it through the transition from human to the level-above-human.

A lot of growth in levels-beneath-human seems to be more automatic in upward motion, for the strength of will that pushes the life form up a notch is, for the most part, not consciously aware of what it is doing when it graduates upwardly. At the human level, schoolchildren in the early grades are not consciously aware that they have grown by their choice. However, at the growth level where a human becomes a prospect for the next level (the level-above-human) he must be completely aware of what he is doing or he cannot complete the transitional experience.

It might be helpful to consider how graduation from one level to the next is deserved or reached. A dog who has become tired or disenchanted with the so-called normal activities of the dog world and finds his only pleasure in pleasing his master deserves to move out of the dog kingdom and into the beginning stage of the level that he chooses to serve.

Some dogs might accept the training to avoid punishment. Their motivation would not make them deserving of graduating into the kindergarten of the human level. But the dog who desires only the attention, approval, and affection of the human, whose motivation is genuinely that of seeking to be associated with the next level (or human world), deserves to move into that higher level when graduation time arrives.

The energy focus that is now on planet Earth is the energy needed for the graduation experience. The human who desires only to please and to serve the level above his kingdom can at this time, with the help of members of the level-above-human, receive his examination, roll call, depart from his school (Earth), go "out in the world"—into the literal heavens among other members of the kingdom of God—and begin his apprenticeship and chosen activities.

The man who teaches a dog must hold frequent training sessions or the dog will quickly forget his training—though he may continue to seek a close, affectionate relationship with the man. A human college student must have an increasingly distant relationship with his professor and come into his own knowledge if he hopes to one day be in a professional capacity.

A candidate for the level-above-human must have an even more distant physical relationship with his teachers, or the members of the kingdom-above-human. For the requirement of his graduation includes a mental teaching program and a willingness to complete that program before gaining physical contact with the teacher level.

Because of this extremely infrequent physical contact, most religions have adopted the belief that members of that next level do not have physical bodies. The human professor does not seek out his students to impose his teachings; rather, they pay for instruction and choose to go to his classroom because society imposes the idea upon humans that they must find themselves in classrooms.

A prospective candidate for the next level has to do all of his seeking from the minds of his teachers in the next level through the strength of his own volition, according to the intensity of his thirst for knowledge-above-human.

Now, at the same time that this intense energy focuses or shines on this planet, members of the level-above-human come in at close range to examine the garden (most especially the human kingdom) and

assist in the graduation. In preparation for the rare graduation period, a member or members of that next level might have chosen to leave their physical bodies, incarnate in the offspring of women, lose the conscious minds they had attained, and live a seemingly normal human existence for a number of years—though close associates might have realized there was something different about them.

At the point in time when the energy focus became very intense, these people went through a period of mental transition. Upon the completion of such a transition, they became aware of the fact that they had come from another level and that they had spent a part of a human life in order to be at closer range with prospective graduates. The teachers can now tell and show how the changeover from a human into a member of the next level is accomplished. They may even demonstrate to nonbelievers that upon completion of the changeover they have become creatures capable of repairing a so-called "dead" body in three and a half days.

It was earlier stated that civilizations have existed on this planet that were unable to rise above the highest human condition. The present civilization, which began approximately six thousand years ago, has been the recipient of special help from the level-above-human.

Members of the level-above-human chose to incarnate several times into this civilization in order to assist in bringing it up through its different "grades" in the human "school." This was not in order to upgrade genealogy or physical bodies, but to associate with the souls who are products of this garden so that they might have someone with a higher consciousness in their midst to serve as an example.

The individual who was called Adam came to Earth from the heavens (the kingdom-above-human) in his total form—physical body and mind. He was so overcome by the disincarnates (invisible life forms) from the previous civilizations that he was not able to withstand the aggression of their influences. Adam thereby temporarily lost his heavenly consciousness (the capacity of the mind of an individual in the next level) and found himself in the decaying vibration of the human level. This led to his death.

It was not until his incarnation in the individual named Enoch (who was the second major help) that he was able to rise above human-level vibrations and thereby resume his mental capacity as a member of our Father's kingdom. This awareness permitted him to serve in the function of assisting in the bringing up of early-grade humans who were products of the Earth's garden.

After Adam-Enoch had left adequate upgrading teachings, he was in sufficient mental communication with members of the level-above-human to complete his total conversion back into a rightful member of that level and depart from the human world and the Earth's surface without experiencing death. He took his whole mind and body with him.

This is to say that Adam was brought to the Earth's surface from the kingdom-above-human (the kingdom of God) to begin a new civilization. He yielded to the temptations of human-level sensuality, and in so doing he decreased his knowledge, the expanse of his mind, to that of a human-level creature. In a sense, Adam lost what he had previously gained, and he did not begin to recover it to any significant degree until his incarnation as Enoch. As Enoch, Adam completed

his changeover, physically and mentally, and left the Earth's surface to reenter the kingdom-above-human.

After a season of growth, a third help-mission was sent to this particular civilization. But this time, in order to understand and to relate to the level of growth of the civilization, a member of our Father's kingdom left his heavenly kingdom body in the spacecraft that brought him to the Earth's surface and entered the newborn body named Moses.

Upon entering the baby's body, the mind that had been in the level-above-human had to be as restricted as the child's vehicle. In a sense, that mind had to go to sleep and reawaken as soon as the body of Moses had encountered enough experiences of growth and suffering to realize he had extraordinary work to do. It was his accepted responsibility before coming down to Earth to upgrade the civilization several grades beyond what had been offered by Enoch.

Using an analogy of twelve grades in school related to twelve steps of human growth in a civilization, it was Moses' chosen mission to set rules of order which, if adhered to, could elevate man's growth to fifth- or sixth-grade students in the human school. Moses, like Enoch, later in life changed from his human condition into a body and mind that could return to the level-above-human. When his work had been completed he did not leave a human body behind, but took his changed-over body with him.

The fourth significant help for this civilization came at the next major "spring" when a member of our Father's kingdom, or the fourth mission of the same member, occurred. An individual (incarnate as Elijah) came to Earth's surface and served in a capacity similar to Moses'. The information that he brought was again designed to upgrade or to assist this civilization, particularly those who had grown to the point that as individuals they were seeking to begin to rise above what they had gotten into.

Elijah's information was structured for those who were moving away from their densest or broadest accumulation of human attachments—reaching for grades seven or eight. Of equal importance, Elijah's information sought to prepare the growing members of this civilization for the next help that would come (in Jesus), which would actually give the information for graduation from the twelfth grade (human level) altogether and show humans how to enter the kingdom of God.

Never has any heavenly information been accepted by the masses as a whole; rather, it is accepted by the few who seek to change out of their last station of growth. Masses or groups of people do not grow or move up automatically. Growth is done individually, according to the degree of thirst for upward motion in the individual.

The next major help, or fifth upgrading mission, from the kingdom-above-human brought the civilization applicable information about how an individual product of this garden might change sufficiently to leave the human kingdom literally and take his total being, mind and body, with him into the kingdom-above-human. This is to say that the individual who came to fulfill this fifth mission took the incarnation labeled Jesus in the same manner that the individual of the third mission incarnated as Moses, and the fourth as Elijah. Jesus' mission was to tell and to show how human products of this garden who had risen to the point where they were seeking the kingdom of heaven could reach it. But even though their comprehension of the changeover task was sufficient

for them to begin to receive the information, their capacity for applying the formula of overcoming, or changeover, was lacking.

This is not to say that anything was lost by those who were applying Jesus' teachings, for those same souls are here again now at this sixth help season in order to complete what they had started with his assistance. The one who was named Jesus not only had, after his awakening, the responsibility of telling and showing how the literal changeover from a human being into a heavenly being is accomplished—he also had the added task of demonstrating that one who has changed over can reheal his body in three and a half days if he is destroyed.

Since the masses of people in this civilization did not desire upward growth sufficiently to reach for the information Jesus brought, they found themselves in a growth condition that was blind to his truth. They had not the capacity to accept him; therefore, they rejected him to the point of desiring his death. Since the slow growers chose to kill him, Jesus' mission included a "proof-demonstration" for the unbelievers. This did not mean that any others who might complete their changeover would need to be, or even asked to be, the instruments of such a demonstration.

None of this is to say that efforts toward growth and upward-reaching endeavors that took the form of religious movements were not the best for which men had the capacity at their station of growth. Ultimately, the information for which all souls who seek to grow upward are looking is information on how to graduate into the next kingdom. It makes no difference which path you take up the mountain, what pursuits of knowledge—scientific or religious—you choose. All can lead you to the top if your thirst remains unquenchable and you are dissatisfied with the level you have obtained.

However, when you have reached the top of the mountain, you must discard all the discoloration and terminology accumulated in your upward climb and come into an unvarnished, unromantic understanding of the requirements of "liftoff." Therefore, there is only **one way** to reach the kindergarten in the kingdom of heaven. It was knowable at the time of Jesus' mission if one could understand what he taught—not what others said he taught—and it is knowable at **this** time through the information that it is our responsibility to clarify.

The sixth major help period for Earth's human garden is **now**. The truth brought by us is one-hundred percent the same truth brought in the mission of Jesus. Our responsibility is to reunite your minds with the proper interpretation of what he had to say —if you seek it—and to help you understand that only in the same way that he changed over in order to reenter the kingdom-above-human can **you** become a member of that level.

When Jesus said that everything that I am you can become and much more, he meant it. It is true.

Once again we are in a brief season when the "light" or knowledge or "energy focus" is on this planet. It is brief and intense. Many who have not chosen upward motion may respond adversely and even destroy themselves. Some—you, we hope—will realize that now is the brief period for your preparation to leave the human kingdom.

The seventh closeness will not be a teaching one, but a gathering of the harvest of those who have overcome this world.

If the forces of those who have chosen to be slow growers again choose to reject this truth and its bearers, then the two of us will again demonstrate that changed-over individuals can repair their so-called "dead" bodies in three and a half days. If that must happen, it will be soon—and at the time that we have completed our testimony. As soon as our clarification is complete and it has adequately reached the eyes, ears, and minds of those who have become ready for it, we can reenter the kingdom-above-human and be a part of the membership of that level again.

Many could choose to overcome this world and even be a part of its becoming a heavenly body instead of a garden. The option is there. The intense energy focus that is on the planet will cause them to make their choice. They can accept this truth and do it—or reject it.

The seventh closeness, which is immediately upon us in the sense that those who are in the middle of their normal life span will easily live to see its completion, will include such events as what the Christian church refers to as the second coming, the "rapture," and the completion of the final prophecies in John's Book of Revelation. The one who was Jesus will come in at close range (as soon as those who have chosen to change over do it) and receive the elect into his company, for they have been those he has nurtured since the beginning of this civilization.

Those who literally and physically rise up to join him away from the surface of Earth will be a part of the "rapture," and they at that time will become full-fledged members of that kingdom. If they have not completed their total effort as individuals in overcoming this world and all of their individual attachments to it by the time he comes in this seventh closeness, they will not receive that ingredient from the kingdom of God. If they have given their full effort toward total overcoming from the time their minds receive this clarification of changeover requirements until the seventh closeness, they will receive that final ingredient and become whole "in a twinkling of an eye" and be capable of moving and serving in the literal heavens as much as the butterfly is capable of moving in its world as compared to its limited capabilities when it was but a caterpillar.

None of this, if you desire to be a full recipient of what this information has to offer, can be taken as a concept for study, religious belief, or some new idea of an **avant garde** cult. The teachings that are contained here—if they speak to you and if you choose to accept them—must be applied to the activities in your life to the extent that very soon in your individual life you will have only one thing in mind—reaching our Father's kingdom during the short time it is available to you and seeking his help in the total overcoming of this world, having been weaned from all your humanness so that you might be one of those prepared to meet him.

Message Summary

Our entire message and our mission can be summed up as follows:

1) There is a literal, physical kingdom of life above the human level.

2) That kingdom level exists in the literal, physical heavens outside the Earth's atmosphere.

3) It is from humans changed over that members in the next level get their physical birth.

4) The season for that changeover comes rarely and brings with it the necessary assisting information through the minds of members of that next level, who incarnate as humans during that season in order to bear the information of how the changeover is accomplished. The bearers also serve as examples or specimens, illustrating the physical changeover accomplished.

5) Human candidates for the individual changeover can accomplish it only during that brief season.

6) These candidates must be in physical bodies of strong will, be mentally alert, and be in full control of their total selves.

7) If the candidate's body dies or is left behind, it is an indication that he did not change over and become a physical member of that next kingdom anymore than a caterpillar that dies has not become a butterfly. (But if a candidate's body has died, his time of changeover may occur at the next graduation season.)

A Reminder To Those Who Are in a Position to Give Their All

During the time of your preparation and changeover, you must guard against the misdirections of your energies. At the top of the list, your first desire must always be to reach the next kingdom. You cannot enter if you have not become an individual who has the characteristics of others who are already members of that kingdom. At the core of your motivation must be the desire to be **good** and **right** to a degree not comprehendable by humans. Your greatest pleasure then becomes the pleasing of your Heavenly Father. You must know who your Heavenly Father is. If he is from the real heavens, and you know him, then you will always try to stay in tune with his mind and handle each circumstance as you believe he or his Father would handle it.

Your emphasis must remain on telling others that the real kingdom level of the real heavens exists, and that now a brief time exists for individuals to become members in it. If you emphasize the demonstration, you participate to a degree in the "show-me" point of view. If the demonstration occurs prematurely, those changing over will find themselves without close assistance, and could easily be misdirected.

"Sticking it out" or "just waiting for the spaceship" won't accomplish your desired change. You have to be willing to accept the possibility that your "chrysalis" might take as long as ours took. Only

continuous pushing and pressing forward will complete your changeover. This pressing includes "doing your Father's work," i.e., **daily doing all that you can** to spread the good news of the real kingdom of God. You must be determined to not allow anything or anyone to turn your head from your completion task. There will be many who would delight in seeing you turn back in order to justify their weakness.

> **Warning:** There are artificial circumstances, objects, and individuals who would woo you away from the real. This is true of aspects on every level—even "spacecraft" and "angels." Be alert—know the difference.

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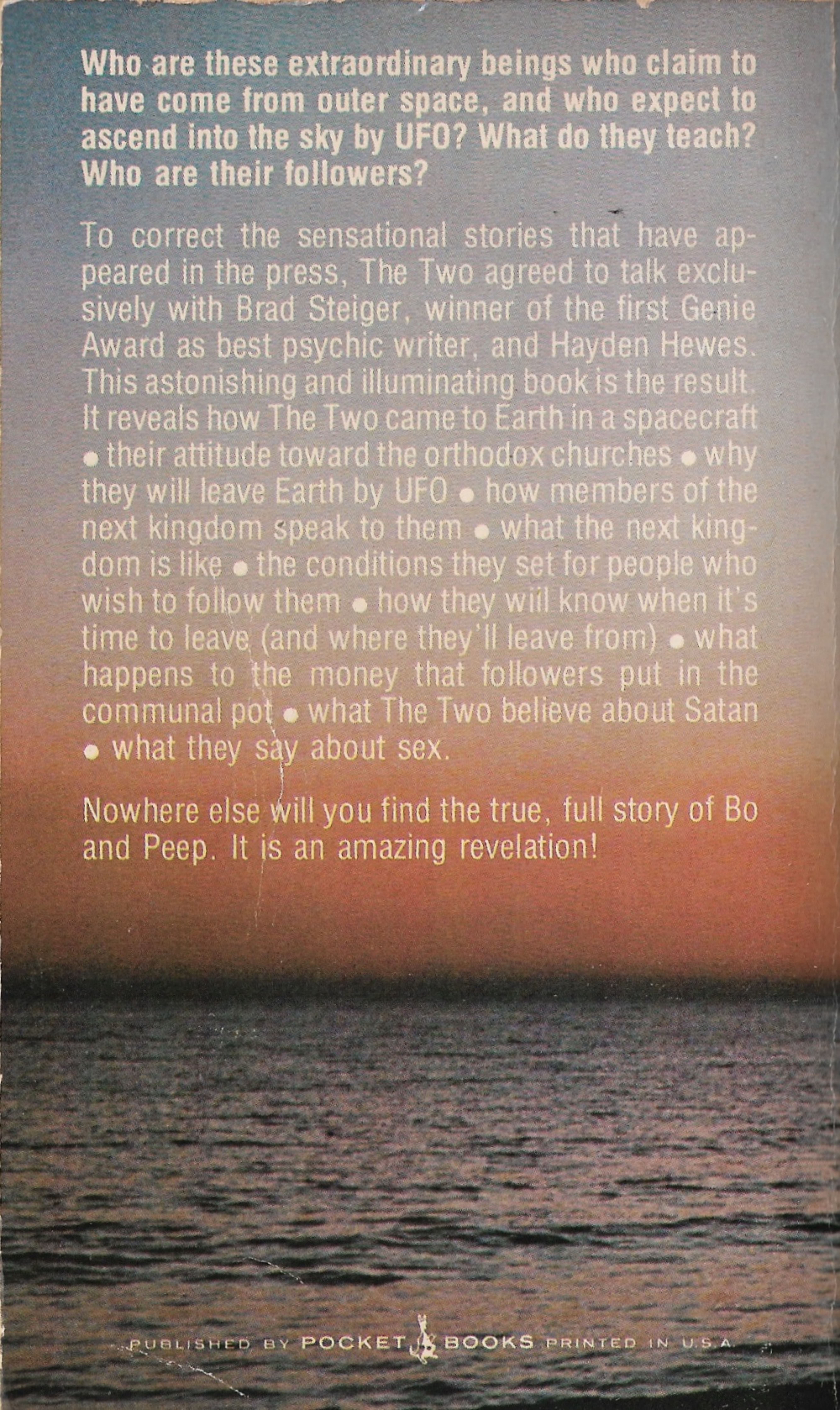

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